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OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MAY 12th, 1856.

The members elect of Common Council met this day in pursuance of the Fifth Section of the Act of Consolidation, at the Council Chamber in Independence Hall, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

John M. Riley

Clerk of the former Council, called the members to order and proceeded to call the roll, when the members elect presented credentials of election, as follows :—

1st Ward, John Alexander,
Samuel Lindsay,
Charles Iseminger.

2d Ward, David Bevan,
Samuel P. Dutton,
John Porter,
William C. Kelly,
Michael A. Boyle.

3d Ward, Francis J. Borie,
John Welsh,
Andrew Miller.

4th Ward, Andrew J. Baker,
Alexander Martin,
M. J. Dougherty.

5th Ward, William M. Baird,
William S. Winship,
S. R. Robb.

6th Ward, John McMakin,
A. J. Catherwood,
Michael C. Brown.

7th Ward, Alexander Henry,
Henry J. Boller,
William Bradford,
William Elliott.

8th Ward, Pierce Butler,
George Northrop,
John K. Findlay.

9th Ward, William C. Patterson,
Abraham Baker,
Charles McNeal.

10th Ward, Thomas Davis,
Thomas Marsh,
John M. Ford,
Charles E. Lex.

11th Ward, Samuel Barton,
John F. Mascher,
Samuel Stevenson.

12th Ward, Lewis Bremer,
John J. Sorver,
Charles M. Slocum.

13th Ward, Henry T. King,
Robert S. Reed,
James Harper,
Richard Parker.

14th Ward, Thomas Craven,
Edwin Booth,
Jacob E. Ridgeway,
Charles Hubbard.

15th Ward, Charles Vanhorn,
Charles V. Hagner,
Thomas Potter,
Benjamin Burnell.

16th Ward, C. B. Roberts,
John F. Deal,
Joseph Fitler,
Samuel Mccutchen.

17th Ward, C. B. F. O'Neill,
Dominick Murphy,
Joseph Geiss,
P. Recktenwald.

18th Ward, Robert V. Barber,
Benjamin H. Brown,
William H. Mickle.

19th Ward, Andrew J. Holman,
Francis McManus,
Daniel McCleary,
George W. Schofield,
Thomas Monaghan.

20th Ward, William H. Jackson,
John M. Melloy,
William Deal,
Benjamin F. Wright.

21st Ward, John Bromley,
Alfred Crease,
John R. Brownholtz.

22d Ward, Spencer Roberts,
Thomas J. Roberts,
Joshua Owen.

23d Ward, David S. Hassinger,
William Horrocks,
Nicholas Brouse,
John G. Snyder.

24th Ward, Robert Kershaw,
Jesse T. Vogdes,
Isaac Leech, Jr.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the clerk proceed to read the credentials of members.

Mr. Boller

Amended that the reading be dispensed with.

Not agreed to.

The credentials were then read.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to proceed to a nomination and election of President.

Agreed to.

Mr. Butler nominated William C. Patterson.

Mr. Harper nominated Henry C. King.

Council then proceeded to vote viva voce for President, seventy-eight votes were cast, of which Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boric, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, North-

rop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Rectenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

•Fifty-nine voted for William C. Patterson.

Messrs. Barber, Boller, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Davis, Ford, Harper, Hubbard, Lex, Marsh, Mickle, Parker, Reed, Ridgway and Spencer Roberts.

Sixteen voted for Henry C. King.

Mr. Henry voted for Henry J. Boller.

Mr. King voted for Thomas Craven.

Mr. Patterson voted for David S. Hassinger.

Mr. Wm. C. Patterson, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected President.

Mr. King

Then administered the oath to the President elect, who returned thanks in an appropriate speech.

The members were then duly sworn or affirmed by the President.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the nomination and election of a Chief Clerk.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Winship nominated John D. Miles.

Mr. Craven nominated John M. Riley.

Council proceeded to vote, viva voce, when the Clerk reported eighty votes were cast, as follows:—

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger,

Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Patterson, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

Sixty-three voted for John D. Miles.

Messrs. Barber, Boller, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Davis, Ford, Harper, Hubbard, King, Lex, Marsh, Mickle, Parker, Reed, Ridgway and Spencer Roberts.

Seventeen voted for John Riley.

John D. Miles having received a majority of the votes was declared duly elected Chief Clerk to Common Council.

And was sworn in by the President:

On motion

Council proceeded to the nomination and election of Assistant Clerk.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Barton nominated Thomas W. Duffield.

Mr. Davis nominated C. W. Steel.

Council proceeded to vote, viva voce, when the Clerk reported that seventy-nine votes were cast, as follows:—

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abr'm Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Patterson, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

Sixty-three voted for Thomas W. Duffield.

Messrs. Barber, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Davis, Ford, Harper, Hubbard, King, Lex, Marsh, Mickle, Parker, Reed, Ridgway and Spencer Roberts.

Sixteen voted for Christopher W. Steel.

Thomas W. Duffield having received a majority of votes was declared duly elected Assistant Clerk, and the oath of office administered.

On motion

Council proceeded to the nomination and election of two Messengers.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty nominated James Magner.

Mr. McCleary nominated Thomas Hall.

Messrs. E. J. Fox, and

James Zimmerman, were also nominated.

Council proceeded to vote, viva voce, when the Clerk reported:

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger,^a Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts. Seofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President.

Sixty-five voted for James Magner and Thomas Hall.

Messrs. Barber, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Davis, Ford, Harper, Hubbard, King, Lex, Marsh, Parker, Reed, Ridgway, and Spencer Roberts. §

Fifteen voted for E. J. Fox and James Zimmerman.

James Magner and Thomas Hall; having received a majority of the votes were declared duly elected Messengers of Common Council, and were duly qualified.

Mr. Winship

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of Common Council be tendered to John M. Riley, Esq., late Clerk of Common Council, for the courtesy and skill, with which he presided over this body during the preliminary stage of its organization, and to Christopher W. Steel, Assistant Clerk, and E. J. Fox and James Zimmerman, Messengers, for the aid so cheerfully rendered by them.

Upon which the yeas and Nays were called by Messrs. O'Neill and Winship, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abr'm Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, Davis, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill. Owen, Parker, Patterson, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Reed, Ridgway, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

Yeas 84. Nays none.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it will adjourn to meet to-morrow, (Tuesday,) at half-past eleven o'clock, A. M.

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. Welsh and Beideman,

From Select Council, were introduced, and informed this Council that their body had organized by selecting the following officers :

President—George M. Wharton.

Clerk—Henry G. Leisenring.

Assistant Clerk—John McFadden.

Messenger—Henry J. Fougeray.

On motion,

Messrs. Reed and Bradford were appointed by the President to inform the Select Council that this body had organized by selecting the following officers :

President—William C. Patterson.

Clerk—John D. Miles.

Assistant Clerk—Thomas W. Duffield.

Messengers—James Magner,
Thomas Hall.

And that it is ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Leisenring,

Clerk of Select Council, being announced, informed Council that that body had passed the annexed resolution.

Resolved, That a Joint Special Committee of three be appointed from each Council, to make arrangements for the Inauguration of the Mayor elect, and have appointed the following gentlemen :

Messrs. Kline,
Marselis, and
Verree.

Common Council concurred.

Whereupon the President appointed :

Messrs. King,
Findlay, and
Hagner.

A similar Committee.

Mr. King

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Stated Meetings of Common Council, be held on Thursdays, at 3 o'clock, P. M., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Findlay,

Moved to amend by striking out 3 and insert 4.

Which after discussion was withdrawn.

Whereupon,

Mr. Reed

Renewed the amendment,

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original motion,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the rules and regulations which were in use by last Council, be adopted for the government of the present Council until otherwise ordered.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Reed

Moved that Messrs. Stevenson, and T. J. Roberts, be authorized to retain the seats heretofore occupied by them.

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Offered the following :

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Boardman be invited to open this session of Common Council with prayer.

Read twice and adopted.

On Motion,

The Council proceeded to draw for seats.

After which the regular business was proceeded with.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure the necessary Seats, Desks and accommodations for the members, to make up the deficiency.

Read twice and adopted.

The Clerk of the Mayor being introduced, presented the following Message in writing :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, May 12th, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philada.

Gentlemen :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances and Resolutions, viz :

A Supplement to an Ordinance approved Febr'y-28th, 1856, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the Auditing of Claims against the City before warrants are drawn for the payment thereof, and for other purposes."

An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the contract price for a Block of Marble for the Washington Monument.

Resolution to transfer a certain item of appropriation made to the Trustees of the Ice Boat.

Joint Resolution to pay the claim of John H. Scattergood, a Police Officer.

Resolution to offer Real Estate for sale to the government of the United States.

Yours Respectfully,

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 13th, 1856.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.—Present.

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Burnell,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,
Fitler,
Ford,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Reed,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Slocum,

Messrs. Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,

Messrs. Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,
Patterson, President.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Agreed to.

Mr. King

From the Joint Committee, appointed to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Mayor elect, submitted the following report.

The Joint Special Committee of the Select and Common Councils, to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Mayor elect, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, as follows :

They have invited the Honorable Robert T. Conrad, Mayor of the City to be present.

And for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to the Mayor elect, they have invitad the Hon. Oswald Thompson, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

Your Committee recommend the observance of the following order of arrangements :

That immediately upon the organization of Councils in their respective chambers, they shall meet in joint Convention in the Common Council Chamber, and from there proceed, in order, to the platform erected in the State House Yard, at the rear of the Independence Hall, for the purpose of witnessing the inauguration of the Mayor elect.

W. O. Kline
I. N. Marselis,
Henry T. King,
John K. Findlay.
Charles V. Hagner.

Mr. McCleary

Moved that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Agreed to.

Upon which the President, Clerks and Members of Select Council entered the chamber.

Councils being assembled,

The President of Select Council

Stated the object of the meeting.

The return of the election of Mr. Vaux, Mayor elect, was read.

The Councils then proceeded to the Inauguration, in Independence Square.

The Mayor then introduced the Mayor elect, who was sworn into office by the Hon. Oswald Thompson, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, who then addressed the Citizens assembled.

After which Common Council returned to their chamber, and being assembled,

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Offered the following :

Resolved, That a Joint Special Committee of Three from each chamber be appointed to wait upon his Honor, the Mayor, and inform him that Councils are now organized, and ready to receive any communication he may desire to make.

Read twice and adopted.

Committee, Messrs. T. J. Roberts,
Butler, and
Henry.

Select Council concurred, and appointed

Messrs. Taylor,
Perkins, and
Mott.

Mr. Winship

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 15th, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Burnell,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassingier,

Messrs. Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Leech,
Lex,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,

Messrs. Slocum,	Messrs. Vogdes,
Sorver,	Welsh,
Stevenson,	Winship,
Vanhorn,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Barton

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Presented petitions from the Diligent and Columbia Engine Companies, asking that a Telegraphic Fire Alarm Signal Box be placed in each of their houses.

Also,

A petition from citizens residing in the vicinity of the Diligent Engine Company, for the same purpose.

Mr. Craven

Submitted an informal Statement of the Finances of the City.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from owners and proprietors of the various Omnibus Lines, asking for a reduction of their license.

Also,

A petition from the property owners residing on Tulip street, to lay Water Pipe from said Tulip to Dauphin street.

Mr. McCleary

Presented a petition from Messrs. Irwir and Stinson, asking a supply of Water from Putnam to Columbia streets, in the Seventeenth Ward.

Mr. Holman

Presented a petition from the Citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that Parry street be graded and paved.

Also,

A petition from owners of Lots on Marshall street, between Dauphin and York streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the said street be paved.

The President

Presented a communication from Andrew Scott, in reference to printing the Assessors' Lists.

Also,†

A communication from William Struthers, asking payment for Block of Marble for the National Monument.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Health, enclosing reports from that Body, in reference to the condition of certain streets.

Also,

A communication from the Guardians of the Poor, in which that Body asks for the passage of the bill reported in Common Council, by the Finance Committee, for an appropriation for payment of orders on the Treasurer of the Directors of the Poor, of the late Borough of Manayunk.

Also,

A communication from the Controllers of Public Schools asking an additional appropriation of \$15,987, for the payment of the salaries of Teachers, for 1856.

Also,

A petition for the paving of Clinton street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-second streets.

Mr. Burnell

Presented a petition from owners of property on Clayton street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, asking permission to pave said street at their own cost, under the supervision of the Department of Highways.

Which were severally read and laid on the table.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

From the Committee appointed to wait upon the Mayor, to inform him that Councils are organized, &c., beg leave to report:

That they have attended to that duty, and received for answer, from the Mayor, that he had nothing to Communicate at this time, to Councils.

Thomas J. Roberts,
Pierce Butler,
Alexander Henry.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Offered the following :

Resolved, That no Member shall be permitted to speak more than twice upon one motion, or for a longer period than five minutes, at any one time.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Winship

Offered the following :

Resolved, That a Special Committee to consist of five members, be appointed to consider and report what alterations, if any, can be made with advantage to the public service, in the organization of departments.

Read twice and adopted.

Whereupon the President appointed

Messrs. Winship,
Craven,
Burnell,
Northrop, and
Alexander, the Committee.

Mr. Barton

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to furnish the Board of Health with the names of the Vaccine Physicians, the date of their appointment, and salaries.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Potter

Offered the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the President of Common Council be authorized and directed to appoint the following Standing Committees, for the ensuing year, each to consist of seven members, a majority of whom shall in all cases constitute a quorum.

- 1 A Committee on Finance.
- 2 A Committee on Water Works.
- 3 A Committee on Gas Works.
- 4 A Committee on Highways, Bridges, Sewers, Culverts and Cleansing the City.
- 5 A Committee on City Property.
- 6 A Committee on Police.
- 7 A Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.
- 8 A Committee on Health.
- 9 A Committee on Poor.
- 10 A Committee on Prisons.
- 11 A Committee on Public Schools.
- 12 A Committee on Surveys and Regulations.
- 13 A Committee on Rail Roads.
- 14 A Committee on Claims.
- 15 A Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings.
- 16 A Committee on Law.
- 17 A Committee on Markets.

Resolved, That the President be authorized and directed to appoint the following Standing Committees, to act in conjunction with similar committees to be appointed by the Select Council, viz :

A Committee to Compare Bills, and

A Committee to verify the Cash Accounts of the City Treasurer, to consist of three members, each, and

A Committee on the Girard Estates, to consist of six members.

Mr. Henry

Objected that the Resolutions were not in order.

The President

Decided the Resolutions to be in order.

Mr. Miller

Moved to lay the Resolutions [on the table for the present.

Mr. Henry

Presented the following appeal from the decision of the Chair,

Which was ordered to be placed on the Journal.

The President of this Chamber having decided that a Resolution for the appointment of Standing Committees is not in contravention of Rule 11, of the Joint Rules, which forbids the repeal, alteration or amendment of an ordinance or part of an ordinance, except by ordinance; such Standing Committees being provided for by an ordinance, dated July 3, 1854, and the Rules aforesaid having been adopted by this Council, the undersigned appeal from the decision of the Chair.

May 15, 1856.

Alexander Henry,
Henry J. Boller.

Mr. Hassinger

Was called to the Chair.

The question being,

“Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?”

It was agreed to.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Miller

Moved that the further consideration of the Resolution be postponed for the present.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved that a Committee on Printing and Stationery be added.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the Original Resolutions as amended,

They were agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to report to Councils at their next meeting whether John Shaffer, Contractor for the First District, cleanses the streets in accordance with the terms of his Contract.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized and required to advertise for ten days, in the daily papers authorized by Councils, for Proposals for cleansing the Streets, cleansing the Snow from the crossings of same, cleansing the Inlets, and removing Coal Ashes, according to Law, in the Second District of the City of Philadelphia, for the term of three years, according to specifications now on file in said Commissioner of Highway's Office or any alteration of the same that may be made by the Committee on Highways of Councils, and report to Council each bid for the same for their action. PROVIDED,—The opening of said proposals shall be under the direction of the above named Committee of Councils.

Which being read twice,

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to postpone for the present.

Not agreed to.

On the question of agreeing to the Resolution,

Mr Jackson

Moved to amend the same by striking out "three years" and inserting "one or three years."

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the whole subject to a Committee of Three.

Agreed to.

The Chair appointed

Messrs. Miller,
Holman, and
Parker, the Committee.

Mr. Mascher

Read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to effect Uniformity in numbering Houses."

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of Members.

Mr. McCleary

Read in place a Bill entitled, "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved Nov. 15th, 1855, regulating the Police Force."

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Northrop

Read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils, approved July 3d, 1854."

Which being read,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rule forbidding the reading of bills twice on the same day, and to proceed to consideration of the bill.

Agreed to.

The Bill was read a second time.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Welsh

Moved that the rules be suspended and the Bill be read a third time by its Title.

Agreed to.

The Bill having been read a third time, and being before the Council on its final passage,

Mr. King

Moved to lay the Bill upon the table.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the passage of the Bill,

It was agreed to.

And passed finally.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to forbid that any work shall be done without the authority of Councils."

Which was read three times, considered, agreed to and passed finally.

Mr. Burnell

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Controller and City Treasurer, each, be requested to furnish to Councils, at their next stated meeting, two separate accounts, one containing the Funded, and the other the Floating Debt of the Consolidated City, up to the 10th of May, 1856.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller

Read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to fix and establish the mode of Curbing, Paving and Grading and constructing Culverts within the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

"A Supplement to the Ordinance establishing the Department of Highways."

Which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Select Council

Informed this Council, that they had taken a recess of twenty minutes, and would adjourn in that time, unless communicated to by Common Council.

Mr. Harper

Offered the following Resolution, providing for a reduction of the expenses of the City:—

Resolved, That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of five members from each Chamber, including the Presidents thereof, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to make inquiry upon the following subjects, to wit:

FIRST—Whether it is expedient to reduce the Police Force of the City, and if so, to what extent?

SECOND—To ascertain the number of Clerks employed in the several Departments, and their salaries, and what reductions or modifications are necessary.

THIRD—To make examination of the duties and labors of the various Departments, and report as to the propriety of consolidating or reducing their number.

FOURTH—To inquire and report a plan whereby the Printing of Councils and Departments may be regulated.

FIFTH—To ascertain the Revenues of the City from all sources whatsoever arising, and all expenses and disbursements of monies whatever, and make report of a plan to equalize the Assessments, and also a plan for the general retrenchment of the expenses of the City.

SIXTH—To inquire into the duties and salaries of heads of the Departments respectively, and the number and duties of all persons employed by them, and make report as to the expediency of diminishing the number and salaries of the same, or either of them, and report by Bill prior to any new appointments being made.

Which was read,

When the Yeas and Nays were called by Messrs. Parker and Roberts,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Catherwood, Craven, Davis, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAY—Mr. M. C. Brown.

Yeas 70. Nay 1.

It was agreed to.

Select Council,

Informed this Council that they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the Salaries of the Clerks of Councils."

On motion

Council proceeded to second reading and consideration of the same.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr Leech,

Moved to amend by striking out \$ 1200, as Salary of Clerk, and insert \$ 1000, and to strike out \$ 1000, as Salary of Assistant Clerk, and insert \$ 800.

On the question of agreeing to the amendment, 1

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Miller, and being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Boyle, Elliott, Fitler, Geiss, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, Porter, Slocum, Snyder and Vogdes.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Catherwood, Craven, Davis, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kershaw, King, Lex, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 14. Nays 64.

It was not agreed to.

The question again recurring on agreeing to the First Section.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend to make the Salary of the Chief Clerk \$ 1500.

On the question of agreeing to the amendment,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Owen and Winship,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Booth, Craven, Mascher, Parker, Schofield, and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Catherwood, Davis, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lecch, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, Mc Manus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 6. Nays 68.

It was not agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Offered the following, as an additional Section :

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Select and the Clerk of Common Council, be each required to give a Bond to the Corporation, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, with two or more sufficient Sureties, to be approved by Councils, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective Offices.

On the question of agreeing to the amendment,

It was not agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time, and on the question of agreeing to the final passage of the Bill,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Lecch and McCleary, and being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, Davis, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lex, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Iseminger, Leech, Lindsay, Porter and Slocum.

Yeas 65. Nays 5.

It was agreed to.

And the Bill passed finally.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Bill, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance, to make an appropriation to pay the contract price for a Block of Marble, for the Washington Monument, approved May 12th, 1856."

Which was read three times, considered, agreed to and passed finally.

Select Council

Informed this Council that they had passed the following Resolution :

"Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that Henry McKeen and David Boyd, be and they are hereby approved as the sureties of William A. Porter, City Solicitor."

Read twice and agreed to.

On motion.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 22d, 1856.

Council met.—Present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Burnell,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,

Messrs. Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Lex,
Leech,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Slocum,
Snyder,
Sorver,

Messrs. Stevenson,	Messrs. Welsh,
Vanhorn,	Winship,
Vogdes,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

The President

Announced the following Standing Committees for 1856 and 1857.

FINANCE.—Messrs. Hagner, Craven, Abraham Baker, Owen, Findlay, Boller and Kershaw.

WATER WORKS.—Messrs. Hassinger, Marsh, Fitler, Holman, Horrocks, Lex and Wright.

GAS WORKS.—Messrs. Butler, Jackson, McCleary, Porter, S. Roberts, Abraham Baker and Alexander.

HIGHWAYS, &c.—Messrs. Miller, T. J. Roberts, Ford, Crease, Elliott, Potter and Sorver.

CITY PROPERTY.—Messrs. T. J. Roberts, O'Neill, Davis, Elliott, Bevan, McManus and Vogdes.

POLICE.—Messrs. Bremer, William Deal, Lindsay, Scofield, Barber, McNeal and Bevan.

TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.—Messrs. Winship, A. J. Baker, Welsh, Henry, Kershaw, Findlay and Slocum.

HEALTH.—Messrs. Barton, C. B. Roberts, Bremer, Fitler, Mickle, Leech and Catherwood.

POOR.—Messrs. Stevenson, Catherwood, Ford, Jackson, J. F. Deal, Leech and Crease.

SCHOOLS.—Messrs. Potter, King, Booth, Owen, M. C. Brown, Alexander and Vogdes.

PRISONS.—Messrs. Mascher, McCleary, Bradford, Bromley, Ridgway, Snyder and Lindsay.

SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.—Messrs. Northrop, S. Roberts, Borie, Geiss, Reed, C. B. Roberts and Dutton.

RAIL ROADS.—Messrs. Dougherty, Reed, Monaghan, Hubbard, Recktenwald, J. F. Deal and Bromley.

CLAIMS.—Messrs. Sorver, Stevenson, Brownholtz, Marsh, Mecutchen, Parker and Iseminger.

LAW.—Messrs. O'Neill, King, Dougherty, Northrop, Lex, William Deal and Bradford.

PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC LANDINGS, &c.—Messrs. Baird, Martin, Benjamin H. Brown, Kelly, McMakin, McManus and Borie.

MARKETS.—Messrs. Brouse, Vanhorn, Davis, Dutton, Mascher, Murphy and Mickle.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.—Messrs. Holman, Kelly, M. C. Brown, Burnell, Harper, Winship and Horrocks.

Members from Common Council of Joint Standing Committees for 1856—7.

GIRARD ESTATES.—Messrs. Henry, Barton, Craven, Melloy, Robb and Burnell.

COMPARE BILLS.—Messrs. Robb, Schofield and Parker.

CASH ACCOUNT OF THE CITY TREASURER.—Messrs. Mecutchen, Booth and Vanhorn.

Mr. Leech

Asked to be excused from serving on the Committees of Poor and Health.

Which was granted, and

The President

Appointed Mr. Boyle to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Boyle

Presented a petition from the Occupants of Stalls in the Market, Eleventh street, below Shippen, complaining of infringements on their rights by Butchers belonging to other Districts.

Referred to the Committee on Market.

Also,

A petition from property owners in the First Ward, asking that Lewis street, between Ninth and Tenth street, be curbed and paved.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A petition from property holders on Fisher street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, First Ward, asking that the same be curbed and paved.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property on Burton street, asking permission to pave said street.

Also,

A petition from property owners on Carver street, asking permission to pave the same.

Also,

A petition from James McCoy, and William Beck, asking that Clymer street, in the Third Ward, may be paved.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Presented a petition from the Moyamensing Hose Company, asking to be admitted to the Fire Department of the City.

Mr. Elliott

Presented a petition from the Washington Fire Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Marsh

Presented a similar petition from the Diligent Hose Company.

Mr. Mascher

Presented a petition from the Friendship Engine Company, asking that a Fire Alarm Signal Box may be placed in their House.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Booth

Presented a communication from Joseph Wharton, for the removal of the location of the proposed Hospital, in the Twenty-first Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Presented a communication from Wm. Hogg, Jr. asking for Water Pipes on Clinton street, between Girard Avenue and Thompson street, in the Twentieth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Geiss

Presented a petition from the Citizens of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards, asking that Cohocksink Creek in said Wards may be culverted.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Benjamin H. Brown

Presented a petition from property owners on Wood street, asking that Lamps may be placed in the same, from West street to Frankford Road.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Jackson

Presented a petition from property owners in the Twentieth Ward, asking attention to the Culvert along Girard Avenue, from Eighth to Ninth streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Vogdes

Presented a petition from the West Philadelphia Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

The President

Presented two communications from the Board of Health, asking attention by Councils to Nuisances on the Highways,—and

For a statement of the names and date of appointments of the Vaccine Physicians during the year 1855; also, their Salaries, and the amounts yet due them.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

A communication from Wm. A. Porter, City Solicitor, in reference to the bequests of the late Stephen Girard, in Louisiana. (Appendix No. 2.)

Referred to the Committee on Girard Estates.

Also,

A statement from the City Solicitor, of the appropriation made to that Department, for 1856, and warrants issued and unpaid, and for what purpose drawn. (Appendix No. 3.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A statement from the City Treasurer, showing the amount of Funded Debt of the City. (Appendix No. 4.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to dispense with its further reading.

Not agreed to.

The reading being concluded, it was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Also,

From the City Treasurer, the following statement :

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, May 22, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—In compliance with the Ordinance of Councils creating Special Sinking Funds for the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia, I submit the following statement of City Loans purchased on the 16th inst.

Ordinance of January 24, 1855 :

North Western Railroad.

Six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	\$2,800
Net cost of, - - - - - -	2,576

Ordinance of January 30, 1855 :

Payment of certain obligations.

Six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	600
Net cost of, - - - - - -	552

Ordinance of August 23, 1855 :

Payment of road damages, &c.

Six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	100
Net cost of, - - - - - -	92

Ordinance of February 21, 1856 :

Sunbury and Erie Railroad.

Six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	900
Net cost of, - - - - - -	828

RECAPITULATION.

North Western Railroad,	- - -	2,800
Certain obligations,	- - -	600
Road damages, &c.,	- - -	100
Sunbury & Erie Railroad,	- - -	900
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	Total,	\$4,400
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Net cost of, - - - - - -		\$4,048

Bernard McMahan's Legacy.

Ordinance of December 6, 1855:

Six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	\$500
Net cost of, - - - - - -	460

Very Respectfully,

F. KNOX MORTON,

City Treasurer.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from the President of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company, asking for the payment of the remaining instalments on the City Loan. (Appendix No. 5.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from Thomas Oliver Goldsmith, asking for an appropriation of \$1000, for service as Coroner.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A statement from the City Controller, of the Funded and Floating Debts of the City, up to the Tenth of May, 1850. (Appendix No. 6.)

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Clerk of the Mayor

Being introduced, presented the following message, in writing:

To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:

By the seventh section of an Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled "A further supplement to an Act, entitled, 'An Act to Incorporate the City of Philadel-

phia," passed February 2d. 1854, it is declared to be the duty of the Mayor, to communicate to Councils "a general statement of the condition of the City, in relation to its government, finances, and improvements; to recommend the adoption of all such measures as he may deem expedient for the security, health, cleanliness, improvement, and welfare of the City."

In obedience to the provisions of this law, I have the honor to invite your serious attention, to subjects under the above enumerated designations, which, in my judgment, require your action.

Having so recently undertaken the discharge of the duties of this Department, sufficient opportunity has not been afforded me to give a general statement of the condition of the City, as contemplated by the words and spirit of the Act referred to.

At a proper time this will receive the consideration its importance demands. Those subjects which are presented now to the attention of the Legislative Department of the City, force their way by the exigency of a necessity, which seems to admit of no delay.

I. The condition of the finances; the exact amount of the floating debt; the amount of outstanding warrants; the items of which the same are composed, and the several Departments from which they originated; the various Ordinances which govern the disbursement of public money; the appropriations now made for the public service, and the manner in which the payments are made; the mode heretofore adopted of testing the accuracy of charges against the several items of expenditure; require to be examined with a critical exactness. In regard to them, a system should be adopted as early as practicable, to secure honesty and order on these vitally important subjects. System is absolutely necessary; it is the best security against waste, fraud, and negligence. To ascertain the present actual condition of the finances of the City, is a duty which addresses itself to every reflecting mind. Justice to the present administration, which is now charged with the responsible and arduous task of introducing a reform in Municipal affairs, demands the fullest and most searching investigation into the fiscal condition of the City. In order to be relieved from censure, which ought not to attach to

the present, a full, impartial, and clear examination and exposition of the past, is not only proper, but just.

The public health is a subject of such paramount importance to every citizen, that I feel it my duty, thus early, to invite your consideration of the controlling means at your command, that may be employed to protect and preserve it. Whatever instrumentalities can effect, should be promptly organized for so desirable an object. Cleanliness is one of the most prominent and effective. I would respectfully urge upon you, the immediate consideration and the adoption of such measures as will ensure that condition of cleanliness which is not only necessary, but which is within the most reasonable expectations of our fellow-citizens. It appears proper to remark, that the means now adopted for this end are radically defective. Dividing the City into districts, and contracting for their cleaning by one or more persons, at a specific sum for a definite period, is not, perhaps, the most suitable plan that might be adopted. The scope of such a contract, is, in its nature, too general. It gives to a contractor facilities, if not excuses, to neglect his duties. If each Ward was made a separate district, and a suitable person selected to attend to it, then, a direct supervision could be maintained over the work, by those who have no other interest than a faithful performance of the labor.

Independently of this suggestion, there is another which is entitled to serious consideration in this connection:—the cost of the contract system of cleaning is liable to animadversion. A contractor is sure to secure payment, when it is doubtful if all the labor is performed. In this, as in all Departments charged with Executive duties, the safest and best system, is that which fixes the responsibility, and enforces accountability, by direct supervision. A divided duty is never to be encouraged or required. Lavish expenditure and unsatisfactory returns, are the certain concomitants of Executive functions by Legislative enactments, without control, direct and effectual.

The Highways are for the use and enjoyment of the public; they should at all times be kept in proper repair, and no obstructions should be permitted, longer than is absolutely necessary, to interfere with their legitimate purpose. It is not to be denied, that this Department of the public

service requires a full investigation, and thorough revision, in its details and management. The cost of this branch of the City Government, is, beyond doubt, enormous, and it may be, most unnecessary. Very grave doubt exists as to the policy heretofore pursued, in regard to the disbursements for opening and grading streets, and indeed, to the entire conduct of the Highway Department. Without now expressing any opinion, I feel it my duty, to invoke your early and careful attention to this subject.

The Ordinance passed by Councils, and approved on the 17th inst., entitled "An Ordinance to forbid that any work shall be done without authority from Councils," is so wise, and was so necessary, that I refer to it, only for the purpose of expressing my conviction of the benefits which will follow its enforcement.

Permit me to suggest to your consideration, the propriety of dispensing with some of the Departments of the public service now in existence—they are entirely useless. The duties attaching to them can be readily performed by a consolidation of the labor under a congenial classification. This will require attention and care, but it will result advantageously. The expenses will be diminished by reducing the number of officers, and more efficiency will be obtained. While the exercise of economy is a duty too imperative to be disregarded, yet let it be understood that it is a wise, intelligent and practical economy, which will best secure substantial reform. Theoretic propositions, ill-digested plans, immatured measures to effect a saving of the people's money may, when tried, and found to be unsatisfactory, or illusory, augment rather than lessen the expenditure. You are no doubt fully impressed with these views. Let us guard against one evil while we are endeavoring to correct another.

Security and public order are essential to the happiness, welfare and prosperity of every people. In a republican government, all true men are bound by the highest dictates of patriotism to maintain their own laws, and insist on their being obeyed. I feel it my duty to do all in the power of the Executive to secure these results. The Police Department requires a re-organization. It is not in as effective a condition as is desirable. I will give to this subject imme-

diate and earnest attention, with the hope that results may be obtained such as a practical acquaintance with the subject will not only justify but sanction.

A further supplement to an Act Consolidating the City of Philadelphia, was approved by the Executive of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, May 13, 1856. I take occasion to call your attention to its provisions, as action by the municipal legislature will no doubt be required. I transmit herewith a certified copy of the law, for your information.

Permit me to express to you the assurance of my earnest desire to unite with you in all reasonable measures to secure as far as practicable such reforms and improvements as your judgment may suggest and the public interest demand.

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mayor's Office, Philada., May 22, 1856.

Which being read,

Mr. Findlay

Moved that two hundred and fifty copies be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by striking out "two hundred and fifty," and inserting "five hundred."

Not agreed to.

The Original Motion was then agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, in reference to the unfinished work of his Department, accompanied with the Bills that had been presented for payment. (Appendix No. 7.)

Referred to the Committee on Port Wardens and Public Landings.

Also,

A communication from John A. Gendell, asking that Locust and Spruce streets may be opened from Lehman to Woodland streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Miller,

From the Special Committee on cleansing the streets of the Second District, and the best mode of cleansing the streets of the City, made a Report, with a Resolution attached, directing the Commissioners of Highways to advertise for proposals for cleansing the Second District. (Appendix No. 8.)

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Barber

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas be directed to have the Gas introduced into all the Public Lamps in the Eighteenth Ward, in front of which the Gas Pipes are laid.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Butler

Moved that the same be referred to the Committee on Gas.

Agreed to.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Select Council be informed that this Council will meet them in Convention, at five o'clock on Thursday Afternoon next, for the purpose of electing two Trustees for the Northern Liberties Gas Works.

Which being read twice,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend by adding, "and eight Port Wardens."

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to further amend, by adding "two Trustees of the City Ice Boat."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property, be directed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Offices of Commissioner of Markets, and Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, and uniting said offices with the Department of City Property.

Which was twice read, and referred to the Committee on Re-organization of Departments.

Mr. Martin

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of Three, be appointed to investigate the accounts of George M. Hill, late Tax Collector of the Fifth Ward, Kensington. To which,

On motion of Mr. Leech,

The following was added, to wit : "also, all delinquent Tax Collectors." Which was twice read, when

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the following, to wit :

That the attention of the City Solicitor be called to the fact that a number of the Collectors of Corporation and other Taxes of the City and various Districts for the year 1853, and former years, are delinquent in the settlement of their Duplicates.

Which was read,

When the Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Martin and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Mecutchen, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, Mc Manus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bradford, Burnell, Butler, Dougherty, Findlay, Jackson, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, T. J. Roberts and Patterson, President.

Yeas 58. Nays 13.

It was agreed to.

The following Resolution was offered, to wit :

Resolved, That so much of rule number two, in rules for the government of Common Council, as requires the Clerk to call the names of Members, and have the names of those present entered in the Journal, be and is hereby repealed.

Which was read, and on motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the same,

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Read in place, a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the better protection of the Citizens of Philadelphia."

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved that the further consideration be postponed and the Bill referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to strike out "Rail Roads," and insert "Law."

Not agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to refer the Ordinance to the Committee on Highways.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on Mr. Miller's motion,

It was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed, that they had passed a Resolution requiring the sale of certain Real Estate, which is directed to be made under an Ordinance, approved May 7th, 1856, to take place under the supervision of the Committee on City Property, at such times and in such portions as they may direct.

The Resolution was concurred in.

Mr. Mascher

Read in place, a Bill, entitled "A further Supplement to an Ordinance, passed May 5th, 1855, entitled 'An Ordinance relative to the Clerks and Messengers of Councils.'"

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Bill, when

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Leech,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, William Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Holman, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lindsay, Marsh, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, McNeal, Potter, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Booth, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Jackson, Lex, Martin, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, Mc Cleary, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Recktenwald, C. B. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum and Vogdes.

Yeas 37. Nays 37.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following Preamble and Resolution :

Whereas, John Schaffer, contractor for cleansing the First District, has neglected, and still neglects to clean the streets, in accordance with the terms of his contract, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Highways, be, and they are hereby directed to have the streets of the said First District thoroughly cleaned, and deduct the expense thereof from the contract price agreed to be paid to the said John Schaffer.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance,

“To fix and establish the mode of curbing, paving and grading, and constructing Culverts, within the City of Philadelphia.”

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Elliott

Moved to strike out “owner or owners,” in the fifth and sixth lines, and insert “a majority of owners.”

On the question of agreeing to the amendment,

It was not agreed to.

The First Section was then agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Leech

Moved to strike out the words, "having the largest circulation," in the tenth line, when

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and C. B. Roberts,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Brownholtz, Burnell, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Geiss, Hagner, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mecutchen, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Porter, Reektenwald, Ridgway, Robb, Scofield, Slocum, Vogdes and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Barber, Booth, Borie, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Craven, Findlay, Ford, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lex, Marsh, Potter, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 38. Nays 29.

It was agreed to.

The Second Section as amended, was agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

The Fourth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Leech,

Moved to amend by striking out the words, "having the largest circulation," in the thirteenth line, when

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Booth and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Borie, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott,

Geiss, Hagner, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, Scofield, Slocum, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Findlay, Ford, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Kershaw, King, Lex, Marsh, Mecutchen, Miller, McManus, Potter, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 40. Nays 29.

It was agreed to.

The Fourth Section was agreed to.

The Fifth Section was agreed to.

The Sixth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Bradford

Moved to postpone the further reading of the Bill for the present.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had adopted a Resolution in reference to the removal of Market Houses.

Laid on the table.

Also,

That they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance, approved August 29, 1854, entitled 'An Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of City Property.'"

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Re-organization of Departments.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Department of City Commissioners."

Council proceeded to the consideration of the First Section, when

Mr. Leech

Moved that the further reading of the Bill be postponed, and the same be printed.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had non-concurred on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils, approved July 3d, 1854."

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 29th, 1856.

Council met.—Present.

Messrs. Alexander,

Baird,

Baker, Abraham,

Bevan,

Boller,

Booth,

Boyle,

Bremer,

Bromley,

Brown, M. C.

Brownholtz,

Brouse,

Burnell,

Butler,

Catherwood,

Crease,

Craven,

Deal, J. F.,

Deal, William,

Dougherty,

Elliott,

Findlay,

Ford,

Geiss,

Hagner,

Harper,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Holman,

Horrocks,

Hubbard,

Iseminger,

Jackson,

Kelly,

Messrs. Kershaw,

King,

Leech,

Lex,

Lindsay,

Marsh,

Martin,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller,

Monaghan,

Murphy,

McCleary,

McMakin,

McManus,

Northrop,

O'Neill,

Owen,

Parker,

Potter,

Recktenwald,

Robb,

Roberts, C. B.,

Roberts, Spencer,

Roberts, T. J.,

Schofield,

; Slocum,

Snyder,

Sorver,

Stevenson,

Vanhorn,

Vogdes,

Wright,

Patterson, President.

Alfred Crease,

Member elect from the Twenty-First Ward, presented his credential

Which was read, and

The oath of office was administered by the President.

Mr. Parker

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal,

Not agreed to.

The Clerk proceeded with the reading.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Presented a petition from Edward Ford, asking for the construction of a culvert on Moore street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Iseminger

Presented the petition of owners of property on Anita street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth, asking that Water Pipe may be laid in said street.

Referred to Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Welsh

Presented a petition from the members of the Southwark Hose Company, asking for repairs to their House.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Henry

Presented a communication from Wm. H. Maurice, asking for a share of the Printing of Councils.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Mr. Mascher

Presented a Bill from Wm. Binder, late Treasurer of the District of Penn, for \$100, arrears of salary from October 31st to December 31st, 1854.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Parker

Presented a communication from the "American Academy of Music," requesting the privilege of laying Water Pipe.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Craven

Presented bills from the Coroner,

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims

Mr. Vanhorn

Presented a communication from Joshua Spering, asking for an appropriation to pay him for services rendered as Conveyancer.‡

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A communication from the owners of Property on Willow and Hamilton streets, complaining of a want of water in said streets.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from the Hibernia Hose Company asking to be admitted into the Fire Department of the City.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

The President

Presented a communication from Wm. H. Freeman, resigning the office of Vaccine Physician for the Sixth Ward.

Also,

A communication from the City Commissioners, asking for an appropriation to pay the Bills due for making out Tax Duplicates,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

The following communication from the City Solicitor:

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, May 28, 1856.

To the Common Council of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—In the published proceedings of Councils at their last meeting, I observed that when the case of George M. Hill was under discussion, a resolution was passed by your body directing the attention of the Solicitor to the delinquent Tax Collectors. Immediately after reading these proceedings I had an interview with Mr. Hill, in regard to the claim against him, and I have more recently had another and final interview with him. He now exhibits to me the receipt of the City Treasurer, for balance in full of the amount due by him, according to the statement and certificate of the City Controller. I have also examined the copy of the receipt preserved by the City Treasurer, and the account settled by the Controller, and so far as I am now informed the case seems to have been brought to a close, without loss to the City.

This is the only instance of a claim of this kind to which my attention has been called since entering on the duties of the office. I shall be happy to attend as speedily as possible to any other cases that may exist.

Very Respectfully,

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

Also,

A communication from the City Solicitor, in reference to the Act of Assembly, regulating the Tolls of the City Rail Road. (Appendix No. 9.)

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

A memorial from E. C. Dale, and A. J. Pleasanton, Surviving Trustees, under the will of Joseph Dugan, dec'd.

Read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A communication from owners of property on the north side of Arch street, asking to purchase and extinguish ground rents on their several lots.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Health, asking for an appropriation for the erection of a New Hospital, to be located in the Twenty-first Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from S. A. Harrison, enclosing bills for Work and Materials, furnished the City in 1855.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A communication from Peter Armbruster, Receiver of Taxes, elect, transmitting the names of his securities.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from Robert McCrory, asking to be appointed the Superintendent of City Rail Road.

Laid on the table.

Also,

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from William Rice, Publisher of the Pennsylvanian, transmitting his bill for Advertising Extra Assessments, &c.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A communication from H. Cowperthwaite, asking that the amount of Water Rent paid by him on the "Artisan Buildings," be refunded.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A communication from the City Commissioners, asking for an appropriation to re-imburse the amount of taxes paid on property of Michael F. Clark, destroyed by the late fire at Sixth and Market streets.

Mr. Miller

Submitted a Statement in reference to the organization of Seperate Committees, which was read.

The President decided it out of order.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

From the Committee on City Property,

Reported a Bill, entitled

“A Supplement to an Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate vested in the City of Philadelphia.”

Which being read,

The Bill was ordered to a second reading.

The first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The third section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. McCleary

Moved that the rule which prohibits a bill being read a third time on the same day be suspended, and the Bill read a third time by its title.

Agreed to.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. O'Neill,

On leave being granted,

Presented a petition from the Wagner Free Institute of Science, asking for the use of room in the third story of Spring Garden Hall.

Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Winship,

From the Committee on Re-organization of the Departments,

Reported a Bill, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved August 29th, 1854, entitled 'An Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of City Property.'"

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Boyle

Presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Markets, be, and he is, hereby instructed, to report to Councils at their next stated meeting, the number of Stalls unrented in the various Market Houses, and the probable amount of Revenue lost to the City by said Stalls remaining unoccupied.

Read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Findlay

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the message of the Mayor presented to Councils on the 22nd of May inst., as relates to the Finances of the City, be referred to the Committee on Finance: so much thereof as relates to Public Health, to the Committee on Health; so much thereof as relates to the Cleansing the City, and the Opening, Grading and Repairing of Streets and Highways, to the Committee on Highways, &c; so much thereof as relates to the propriety of dispensing with some of the Departments of the Public Service, to the Special Committee, already appointed by this body, to inquire whether a change may not be made in the organization of the several departments of the City Government; and so much thereof as relates to the Police, to the Committee on Police.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller

Offered a resolution directing the President to appoint the standing Committees, agreeably to the Ordinance of July 3d, 1854, and repealing the resolutions authorizing the appointment of separate Committees.

The President

Decided the resolution out of order.

Mr. Slocum

Presented a bill entitled "A further Supplement to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia, passed January 30th, 1855."

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of property or a majority thereof, on Eighteenth St., from Shippen to Prime, be and they are hereby authorized to have said street paved, provided that the same shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and provided further, that the City shall not be at any expense for the same, except for the paving of the intersections.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Parker

Moved to refer it to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolutions adopted May 15, 1856, providing for the appointment of Standing Committees for the ensuing year, each to consist of seven members, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to a second reading.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barber, Boller, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, J. F. Deal, Ford, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, Lex, Miller, Parker, and Spencer Roberts.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Barton Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C., Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Reed, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 15. Nays 56.

Not agreed to.

On motion of

Mr. Findlay,

Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment of Select Council, to the Bill providing for the election of Port Wardens, Trustees of Northern Liberty Gas Works and Trustee of City Ice Boat.

Agreed to

And the amendment concurred in.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Resolution approving of the Securities of Peter Armbruster, Receiver of Taxes elect.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Stevenson.

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That every person elected or appointed to any office, under any law or ordinance of the City, and who by said law or ordinance is required to give a bond with securities for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office, shall, together with his or their co-obligor or co-obligors, give with the said bond a warrant of attorney to confess judgment therein to the City of Philadelphia.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Burnell,

On leave being granted, presented a petition from the Members of the Mechanic Fire Engine Company, asking that a Fire Alarm Bell may be placed in the Fourth Fire District.

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Select Council informed

That they had passed a resolution to meet the Common Council, at a quarter after six o'clock, in convention, for the purpose of electing Port Wardens and Trustees of the Northern Liberties Gas Works.

Also,

That they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance supplementary to 'An Ordinance to authorize the construction of certain buildings within the walls of Girard College, for the accommodation and use of the Primary Department of Girard College, and to make an appropriation in part payment for the expenses thereof.'"

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the same to a Special Committee.

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to refer to the Committee on Girard Estates.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the supervision and care of the premises leased by the City of Philadelphia, situate on Fifth street, below Walnut, be and the same is hereby declared to be the duty of the Commissioner of City Property.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance, approved January 25th, 1855, entitled an Ordinance to provide for a Sinking Fund for the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia."

Mr. Abraham Baker :

Moved that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they had passed a resolution directing the City Controller to withhold his approval from all Warrants drawn for supplies on materials of any description, which have been delivered to the City Commissioners, and Highway Departments, since the passage of the Ordinance of May 15, 1856, forbidding any work to be done without authority of Councils.

Common Council concurred.

Also,

That they had passed a Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to pay the amount of damages awarded Ferdinand Dreer, for opening of Girard Avenue.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

Mr. Catherwood

Read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the carriage of passengers in omnibusses and stage coaches in the City of Philadelphia."

Referred to the Committee on Police.

The President, Clerks, and Members of the Select Council were introduced, and being assembled in convention,

The President

Announced the object thereof.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to the election of eight Port Wardens.

The Clerks, acting as Tellers, reported that seventy-eight votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Roberts, Taylor, Welsh, Williams and Wharton, Pres't.,

17, voted for John Robbins, Jr.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Hasinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J.

Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President,

56, voted for John Robbins, Jr.

In all, 73 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Roberts, Taylor, Welsh, Williams and Wharton, Pres't.

17, voted for Samuel Megargee.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Has-singer, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Ker-shaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, Pres't,

57, voted for samuel Megargee.

In all, 74 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Williams and Wharton, Pres't,

15 voted for James Goodman.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Has-

singer, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Ker-shaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, Pres't,

57, voted for James Goodman.

In all, 72 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, McWhorter, Mott, Roberts, Taylor, Welsh, Williams and Wharton, Pres't,

18, voted for John Thompson.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Has-singer, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Ker-shaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, Presi-dent,

57, voted for John Thompson.

In all, 75 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, McWhorter, Mott, Taylor, Williams and Wharton, Pres't,

15, voted for William H. Knowles.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Has-singer, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Ker-shaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Van-horn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, Pres't,

57, voted for William H. Knowles.

In all, 72 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Welsh, Williams and Wharton, Pres't,

15, voted for Charles S. Peall.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Has-singer, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Ker-shaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, Pres't,

57, voted for Charles S. Peall,

In all, 73 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Williams and Wharton, Pres't,

14, voted for Harman Yerkes.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, W. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Hasinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President,

56, voted for Harman Yerkes.

In all, 70 votes

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Williams and Wharton, President.

15, voted for Joseph Rutherford.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, W. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Hasinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, Pres't.

57, voted for Joseph Rutherford,

In all, 72 votes.,

Select Council,

Messrs. Roberts and Welsh,

2, voted for John C. Da Costa.

Select Council,

Messrs. Roberts, Wainwright and Welsh,
3, voted for Peter A. Keyser.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hilles, Mott, Perkins, Roberts, and Wainwright,
5, voted for Albert G. Rowland.

Common Council,

Mr. Kershaw voted for Albert G. Rowland,
In all, 6 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hilles, Perkins, Roberts, Wainwright and Welsh,
5, voted for Francis R. Cope.

Select Council,

Mr. Welsh voted for R. F. Loper.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hilles, M'Whorter, Perkins and Wainwright,
4, voted for James S. Pierson.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hilles, Perkins and Wainwright,
3, voted for Samuel P. Shoemaker.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hilles, Perkins and Wainwright,
3, voted for Charles James.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hilles, Maison, Perkins, Roberts and Wainwright,
5, voted for James H. Stroup.

Common Council,

Mr. McNeal voted for James H. Stroup.

In all, 6 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hilles, Perkins and Wainwright,

3, voted for C. O. B. Campbell. .

Select Council,

Mr. M'Whorter voted for George C. Rickards.

Select Council,

Mr. M'Whorter voted for E. C. Knight.

Select Council,

Mr. M'Whorter voted for S. S. Bishop.

Select Council,

Mr. M'Whorter voted for William Welsh.

Select Council,

Mr. M'Whorter voted for Samuel J. Christian.

John Robbins, Jr.	Samuel Megarge,
James Goodman,	John Thompson,
William H. Knowles,	Charles S. Peall, and
Harman Yerkes,	Joseph Rutherford,

having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected Port Wardens.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of two Trustees for the Northern Liberties Gas Works.

The Clerks, acting as tellers, reported that 61 votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Hilles, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Roberts, Taylor, Welsh, Williams and Wharton, President,

17, voted for Thomas S. Fernon.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, W. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kershaw, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, McCleary, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright, and Patterson, President,

43, voted for Thomas S. Fernon,

In all, 60 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Welsh, Williams and Wharton, President,

15, voted for Jacob S. Mintzer.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kershaw, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, McCleary, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President,

43, voted for Jacob S. Mintzer.

In all, 58 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hilles, McWhorter and Roberts,

3, voted for Peter A. Keyser.

Select Council,

Mr. McWhorter voted for Jeremiah L. Hutchinson.

Thomas S. Fernon and Jacob S. Mintzer, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected Trustees of the Northern Liberty Gas Works.

The Convention having concluded, Select Council retired.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to proceed to the nomination and election of a Trustee of City Ice Boat.

Agreed to.

Thomas Webster, Jr., was nominated.

On motion,

Council proceeded to an election, when

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Boyle, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Davis, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kershaw, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, McCleary, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President,

43, voted for Thomas Webster, Jr.

Thomas Webster, Jr., having received all the votes cast, was declared elected a Trustee of City Ice Boat.

The President

Announced the following Committee on Mr. Harper's Resolution of May 15, 1856, providing for a reduction of the expenses of the City, (see page 26,) viz:

Messrs. Harper, Findlay, Kershaw, Iseminger and McCleary.

On motion,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 5th, 1856.

Council met,—Present.

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Jackson,
Baker, A. J.	Kelly,
Baker, Abraham,	Kershaw,
Barber,	Lex,
Bevan,	Lindsay,
Booth,	Marsh,
Bradford,	Mascher,
Bremer,	Melloy,
Bromley,	Monaghan,
Brouse,	Murphy,
Burnell,	McCleary,
Butler,	McMakin,
Catherwood,	McManus,
Crease,	Northrop,
Davis,	Owen,
Deal, J. F.,	Parker,
Deal, William,	Potter,
Dutton,	Porter,
Elliott,	Robb,
Findlay,	Roberts, C. B.
Fitler,	Roberts, Spencer,
Geiss,	Schofield,
Hagner,	Slocum,
Harper,	Snyder,
Hassinger,	Sorver,
Holman,	Stevenson,
Horrocks,	Winship.
Iseminger,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Not agreed to.

The Clerk proceeded with the reading.

Mr. Harper

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Submitted a Protest and asked that the same might be entered upon the Journal.

Mr. Elliott

Objected to the entering of the Protest on the Journal, when

The President

Decided, That objections being made the Protest could not be entered upon the Journal.

Mr. Lindsay

Presented a petition from owners of property on Washington street between Thirteenth and Broad, in the First Ward, asking for the introduction of Gas in said street.

Also,

The Petition of owners of property on Fitzwater street between Fifteenth and Eighteenth streets, asking that Lamps may be placed on said street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Boyle

Presented a petition from the voters of the Tenth Precinct, Second Ward, asking that the boundaries of the said Precinct and the Precinct House may be changed.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property on Morris street between Sixth and Tenth, in the First Ward, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Also,

A petition of like import, for curbing and paving Enue street between Eighth street and Passyunk road.

Also,

A petition from owners of property on Webb street between Fitzwater and Catharine streets, in the First Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A bill from H. D. Lentz, for coal furnished.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Catherwood,

Presented a Petition from Alderman Freeman, asking to be appointed a Police Magistrate of Sixth Ward.

Laid on the Table.

Also,

A Petition from William M. Christy, asking to be appointed Stationer.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Mr. Henry.

Presented a Petition from Joseph Howell & Co. asking that a Fire Plug may be placed in Gray's Alley.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Northrop.

Presented a petition from James Kelly, asking to be appointed Vaccine Physician.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

A Petition from sundry citizens, asking to change the name of a portion of Callowhill street, in the Twenty-Fourth Ward, to "Lackawanna Avenue."

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Bremer

Presented a Petition from Citizens residing on Willow street for repairs to Culvert.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Vanhorn

Presented a Petition from F. W. Binder, asking to be appointed Police Magistrate of the Fifteenth Ward.

Laid on the Table.

Mr. McManus

Presented a petition from Richard Burr, asking for a Culvert on Huntingdon Street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Holman

Presented a petition from owners of property on Amber street, Nineteenth Ward, asking that Water Pipes may be laid along said street.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from property holders on Centre street between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, Fifteenth Ward, asking that Water Pipes be laid in said street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Owen

Presented a petition from citizens of Twenty-second Ward, asking for a Survey of the upper part of said Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Kershaw

Presented a petition from owners of property in the Twenty-fourth Ward, for an appropriation to the Monroe Engine Company.

Referred to Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Hagner

From the Committee on Finance.

Submitted a resolution accepting the names of Samuel J. King, John Horst, and Thomas Stokes, as Sureties of Peter Armbruster, Receiver of Taxes, elect. (Appendix No. 10.)

Which was adopted.

Also,

A resolution to authorize the City Treasurer to anticipate certain instalments on the subscription to the Capital Stock of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company. (Appendix No. 11.)

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Hassinger

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Submitted a Report with a Bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water. (Appendix No. 12.)

The first and second sections were agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time, by its title, and passed.

Also,

A bill entitled "An ordinance for the further payment of one hundred and fifty dollars and fifty-seven cents to George W. McMahan, Register of Water for the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 13.)

The first and second sections were agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the Rules, and proceed to the third reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time, by its title, and passed.

Mr. Miller

Chairman of the Committee on Highways.

Presented a report with resolutions authorizing the paving of certain streets.

The President

Decided, That as the report was not signed, it could not be received.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

From the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a report concerning the revised plan of Green street. (Appendix No. 14.)

Mr. Winship

Chairman of Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report admitting the Diligent Hose Company, Moyamensing Hose Company and Washington Engine Company, to the Fire Department.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report in reference to refunding certain water rents to H. Cowperthwaite.

Recommitted to the Committee.

Mr. Baird

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.,

Reported the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be directed to draw a warrant in favor of Joseph Paynter for the sum of five hundred and twenty-six dollars and thirty-three cents for re-paving Race street Wharf, "May 17th, 1856." Said amount to be charged to the item repairing wharves in the "Ordinance approved March 11th, 1856, making an appropriation to the Department of Wharves and Landings for the year 1856."

Mr. Miller

Moved that the account be referred to the City Controller to be audited.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from the Wagner Free Institute asking for the use of the upper room in Spring Garden Hall.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A petition from residents on Edward street, late Kensington, Seventeenth Ward, asking for the introduction of Gas into the Public Lamps on said street.

Referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Henry

Chairman of the Committee on the Girard Estates,

Submitted a report with a Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of certain buildings within the walls of the Girard College grounds, for the accommodation and use of the Primary Department of the Girard College, and to make an appropriation in part payment thereof," passed Nov. 29, 1855.

With the following amendment:

Insert in the seventh line of the first section, after the word "building," the following clause: "not inconsistent with the will of Stephen Girard."

Council proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

The several sections were agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for third a reading.

Mr. Henry

Moved to suspend the Rules, and proceed to the third reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time, by its title, and passed.

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the Rules in order to consider the Resolution offered by him to admit certain Fire Companies to the Fire Department.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Davis, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kershaw, Lindsay, Martin, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Robb, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Barton, Boller, Booth, Bromley, B. H. Brown, Craven, Ford, Harper, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Mascher, Mecutchen, Mickle, Parker, Potter, Reed, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Scofield, Snyder, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 47. Nays 30.

It was not agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, June 5th, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—On the 31st of May 1856, I approved and signed "A Supplement to an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate vested in the City of Philadelphia.'"

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also,

A communication from the Directors of the Fire Department, asking that the same appropriation be made to the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Districts, as is already made to the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Winship

Chairman of the Committee on Re-organization of Departments,

Submitted a Report together with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance establishing a Department of supplies."

The President

Presented a communication from the Board of Health, containing a preamble and resolutions in reference to an extra appropriation from Councils for the purpose of building a Hospital in the Twenty-first Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from C. H. Wilson, Commissioner of Department of Markets, containing a statement of the un-rented stalls and the probable loss to the City in consequence thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Also,

A communication from B. A. Shoemaker, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting certain Fire Companies for violating the ordinance approved May 5th, 1856, requiring their operations to be confined to prescribed Districts.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A Communication transmitting his third and fourth quarterly Reports of the number of Fires with the loss sustained.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the reading thereof and that it be printed in the Appendix. (Appendix No. 16.)

Agreed to.

Mr. Porter

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be and they are hereby instructed to enquire upon what terms the City occupy the different houses now used as Police Stations of the City, and the expediency of occupying the Public Halls in lieu thereof, and Report at next meeting of Councils.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. McCleary

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the property holders on Norris street, from Frankford Road to West street, be directed to curb and pave the foot ways according to law.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a special Committee of five be appointed to prepare and submit rules of order for the government of this body.

Read twice and adopted.

And Messrs. Owen, Hassinger, King, Leech and Boyle were appointed the Committee.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved:—That Select Councils be informed, That Common Council will meet them in convention on Thursday next at 5 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing sixteen Police Magistrates.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Offered the following:

Resolved:—That the Committee on City Property be, and they hereby are authorized to order the Public Squares to be kept open until 11 o'clock, P. M., during the Summer months.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on City Property.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to amend by striking out "11 o'clock," and insert "10 o'clock."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barton,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Barber, Booth, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Burnell, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Davis, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelley, Kershaw, King, Lex, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill,

Owen, Parker, Porter, Reed, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Ford, Mascher, Miller, Monaghan, McManus, Potter, Snyder, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 51. Nays 23.

It was adopted.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Police Committee in conjunction with the Mayor, is hereby directed to inquire into the propriety of providing a Police Station House for the Fourth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property is hereby directed to inquire into the propriety of removing the wooden stools from the Public Squares, and having their places supplied with Iron Settees.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Barber

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be instructed to furnish to each Alderman of the City of Philadelphia, one copy of the Digest of Laws of the City of Philadelphia.

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, an Ordinance reported in place by C. B. F. O'Neill, for the better protection of the Citizens of Philadelphia, was on May 22d referred to the Committee on Railroads, which Committee has not reported thereon,—therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads be requested to report on said Ordinance on the next meeting of Council.

Mr. Baker

Moved to postpone the subject for two weeks.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be and he is hereby authorized to have the cleansing of Washington and Christian Street Docks completed under the supervision of the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Harper

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Chamber be directed hereafter to keep the Journal of this Chamber in such condition as to be able to comply with the 2d section of an ordinance passed May 5th, 1855, relating to the duties of Clerks of Councils.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Barton

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to carry into effect so much of rule 2d for the government of this house,

as requires the messenger to deliver to members at their houses or address, any bill, resolution or report ordered to be printed by either branch of Council.

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer it to the Committee on Rules.

Agreed to.

Mr. Catherwood

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be hereby directed to restore the grade of the gutter on the west side of Second street, between Arch and Quarry, to the same as it was previous to the first day of April last.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Miller

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to repave with tramways, Clymer street, from Sixth to Parker streets, in the Third Ward.

Laid on the table.

Also,

The following Resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, on Burton street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth street; and Carver street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth street, in the Seventh Ward; Fisher street, from Ninth to Tenth street; and Levis street, from Ninth to Tenth streets, in the First Ward; Mervine street, from Thompson to Master streets, in the Twentieth Ward, and Marshall street, from Dauphin to York streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, be, and they are hereby authorized, to have said streets paved. Provided, That the same shall be done

under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and the parties contracting to do the same shall enter into an agreement to keep the said streets in good order, for at least twelve months from the time they are opened for public use. And provided further, That the City shall not be at any expense for the same, except for the paving of the intersections.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Barber

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the attention of the City Surveyor be called to the fact that the Water Pipes were laid on Eighth street, north of Columbia Avenue, by the District of Penn while there is no RECORD to show that Pipes have been laid on said street.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Bradford

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to have the Curb re-set and the Highway repaved in front and on the north side of the Station House, on Fifteenth street, below Walnut street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Monaghan

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, The property holders on Allegany Avenue, Clearfield street, Somerset street and Lehigh Avenue, be directed to Curb and Grade the Footways according to law.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Brouse

Presented the petition of Alderman Franklin McConaughy of the Twenty-third Ward, asking to be appointed Police Magistrate.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Crease

Submitted a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for Re-surveying and Regulating part of the Twenty-first Ward."

Referred to Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Stevenson

Submitted a Bill, entitled "A Supplement to An Ordinance Organizing the Department for supplying the City with Water, approved October 3d, 1854, and An Ordinance of like import, passed December 29, 1854."

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. C. B. Roberts,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a report with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the construction of a certain culvert." (Appendix No. 15.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Miller

Submitted a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., to pay certain Road Damages in Certificates of City Debt."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Stevenson

Submitted a Bill entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses, approved October 19th, 1854."

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the Public Printing and Binding, and for other purposes."

Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

The Bill from Select Council entitled "An Ordinance relating to the supervision of the Girard Estates and Management of the Girard College for Orphans,"

Was read.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend in fourth line, by striking out "Board of Commissioners," and insert "a Committee."

Mr. Henry

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill, and that it be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Council now proceed to the election of two Directors of Girard College.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the election until Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance providing for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine *Young America*, approved May 8th, 1856.”

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

That they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to draw warrants for the payment of the ninth and tenth, being the final instalments of subscription to the North Western Railroad Company, as provided for in the ordinance to authorize a loan to pay said subscription, approved December 7th, 1855.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved its reference to the Committee on Railroads.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Dougherty,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Dougherty, Dutton, Holman, Miller and Monaghan.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, (A. J.) Baker, (Abraham,) Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Brown, (M. C.) Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Deal, (J. F.,) Deal, (William,) Elliott, Findlay, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, McCleary, McMakin, Owen, Parker, Porter, Reed, Robb, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 5. Nays 43.

Not agreed to.

The Bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, be authorized and directed to cause water pipes of the proper diameter to be laid in the following streets, viz : Sixteenth street from Coates to Ridge Avenue, Thompson street from Ninth to Tenth, South side of Girard Avenue West of Nineteenth, Lemon street from Second to Jefferson, Washington street East side from Master to Jefferson, Twentieth street from Brown to Parrish.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

That they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to confer with a similar Committee, if approved by Common Council in relation to such modification of the ordinance establishing Joint Committees as may remove the embarrassments which now exist, and be at the same time satisfactory to the two Chambers of Councils.

And that they had appointed the following Committee, viz :

Messrs. Cuyler, Verree, Beideman, Roberts, and Gamble.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Rules.

Agreed to.

On motion,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 12th, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Alexander,	Holman,
Baker, A. J.	Messrs. Hubbard,
Baker, Abraham,	Iseminger,
Barber,	Jackson,
Barton,	Kelly,
Bevan,	Leech,
Booth,	Lex,
Boyle,	Mascher,
Bradford,	Mecutchen,
Bremer,	Melloy,
Bromley,	Miller,
Brown, Benjamin H.	Monaghan,
Brown, M. C.	Murphy,
Brownholtz,	McCleary,
Brouse,	McMakin,
Burnell,	McManus,
Butler,	McNeal,
Catherwood,	Northrop,
Crease,	O'Neill,
Craven,	Owen,
Davis,	Potter,
Deal, J. F.,	Porter,
Deal, William,	Recktenwald,
Dougherty,	Robb,
Dutton,	Roberts, C. B.,
Elliott,	Scofield,
Findlay,	Slocum,
Fitler,	Snyder,
Geiss,	Sorver,
Hagner,	Stevenson,
Harper,	Vanhorn,
Hassinger,	Vogdes,
Henry,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Barton

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the Journal.

Mr. Barber

Objected.

The Clerk proceeded with the reading.

The reading being concluded,

Mr. McCleary

Moved to correct the Journal of June 5th, on page 83, by striking out "Referred to the Committee on Highways," in the ninth line from the bottom, and insert "Read twice and adopted."

Agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to strike out all that refers to Mr. Miller's Resolutions, on pages 78 and 79.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to strike out all after "1856," on page 79, the fifth line from the bottom, and insert "Read twice and adopted."

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to strike out "Vaccine Physician," on page 76, the third line from the top, and insert "Collector of Vaccine Cases."

Agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a Petition from owners of property on Eighteenth street, between Shippen and Prime streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Iseminger

Presented a Petition from owners of property on Earp street, asking that Water Pipe may be laid in said street.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Baird

Presented a Petition from the Hope Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Catherwood

Presented the Petition of residents on Second street, between Newlin's Brewery and Arch street, asking for a change in the grade of said street.

Referred to Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. McMakin

Presented a Bill from J. B. A. & S. Allen, for Oil furnished to the City Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Henry

Presented a Petition from owners of property on Nectarine street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, asking for a Culvert.

Referred to Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Henry

Presented the following Communication :

Philadelphia, June 10th, 1856.

To the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN :—I am reluctantly compelled to call your attention to the condition of the Hunting Park.

It was received as a gift by the City, under the express agreement, that, within one year, it should be enclosed,

laid out with avenues, and planted. Nearly two years have elapsed, and no improvement to the grounds has been attempted.

The last Councils made an appropriation for this purpose, but upon the Superintendent being urged to plant it, last spring, he stated he could not do so, until a resolution was passed, authorizing him to appropriate the money.

At the last meeting of those Councils, the resolution passed one body but did not reach the other.

The parties who presented this property to the City, having purchased it for forty-five thousand dollars, believed that the Councils would appreciate the value of the gift, and promptly comply with the conditions upon which they accepted it.

They have been sadly disappointed. Two years of valuable time have been lost, and without some speedy action, another will be. I respectfully submit, that it is due to those who made the gift, to promptly improve the property or return it to them.

Your Obedient Servant,

C. H. FISHER,

Chairman of the Committee of the Donors.

Mr. Butler

Moved to refer the Communication to a Joint Special Committee, of three from each branch of Council.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Presented the Petition of Alderman Ogle, asking to be appointed Police Magistrate of the Seventh and Eighth Wards.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Barton

Presented the Petition of Adam Moffit, of the Seventeenth Ward, asking that the amount overpaid by him, for paving on Franklin Avenue, be refunded.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Mascher

Presented a Petition from tax payers of the Eleventh Ward, asking for repairs to a pump.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

The Petition of Matilda Hoffman, asking that a Culvert, in Raspberry alley, may be cleansed.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Craven

Presented the Bill of John H. Myers, for Indexing Assessment Book of the Eighth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hagner

Presented a Petition from the Members of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, asking for the use of the public square on the south-east corner of Broad and Market streets, to hold their Annual Exhibition, in September next.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented the Petition of the Carroll Hose Company, asking for admission into the Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. McCleary

Presented a Petition from Messrs. Irwin & Stinson, asking that water pipes may be laid on Clinton street, from Putnam to Columbia street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Also,

A Communication from Conrad Reikert, in reference to the assessments of Water Rents.

Which were referred to Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Holman

Presented the Petition of James M. Cathers, asking to be appointed Police Magistrate of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Owen

Presented a Petition from owners of Property in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that the grade of Green street be made to conform to that of Chelton Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

Bills from the Trustees of the Gas Works ;

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Horrocks

Presented a Petition from Citizens of Frankford, asking that one of the Public Pumps may be repaired.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Vogdes

Presented a Petition from owners of Property on Lancaster Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

One of like import from Property owners on Thirty-fifth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Leech

Presented the Petition of Robert Carr, asking to be appointed Police Magistrate of the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mascher

Presented a Communication from Wm. Saffin, keeper of the Debtors' Apartment of Moyamensing Prison, asking payment of his quarterly bill for salary and expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Prisons.

The President

Presented the following Communication :

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, June 13th, 1856.

To the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—I beg to call your attention to a matter of public interest connected with the prosecution of criminals in this City. After returns are made to my offices of cases heard before Committing Magistrates, it very often happens, especially in Cases of Homicide, that certain police and other expenses become absolutely necessary. If they are not incurred without delay, the ends of justice are entirely frustrated. They do not amount to a large sum in the aggregate, and there is now no appropriation out of which they can be paid.

On the 20th March, 1855, Councils passed an Ordinance, to which I desire to refer you, appropriating five hundred dollars to this object, to be paid on Warrants drawn by the Mayor, and to be approved by a Judge of the Court of Oyer and Terminer. Of this sum, during the year, but three hundred and forty-six dollars and ninety cents was expended, leaving a balance uncalled for at the time the appropriation expired, of one hundred and forty-three dollars and ten cents.

The object of this letter is to ask of Councils a renewal of the appropriation, and to the subject I respectfully invite your favorable attention.

WILLIAM B. REED.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Communication from G. W. Ash, Counsel for T. N. & G. V. Town, requesting the payment of bills for printing Tax Duplicates.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A Communication from the Board of Health, asking for repairs to a sewer in Fourth street above Noble.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Health, relating to the filthy condition of certain streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from the Controller in reference to a resolution directing the superintendent of Wharves and Landings, to draw a warrant in favor of Joseph Paynter.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, in reference to a resolution of Common Council in relation to a record of the City.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A communication from the Controllers of Public Schools asking an appropriation for Teachers' salaries and repairs, and to grant the use of a lot in Kensington for the erection of a School House.

That part relating to salaries and repairs, referred to Committee on Finance.

That part relating to grant of lot referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A communication from M. J. Mitcheson, extending an invitation to members to attend the Floral Festival in aid of the Northern Home for Friendless Children.

Mr. McCleary

Moved that the invitation be accepted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Reported back to Council the application of the Southwark Hose Company, asking for repairs to their house.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Also,

A report from the same Committee, approving the ordinance providing for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine, "Young America," and asking its adoption.

Also,

Report adverse to the admission of the Hibernia Hose Company into the Fire Department.

Also,

The following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be directed, to have the State House and District bells rung in case of fire, so as to designate the signal box from which the alarm is received.

Also,

A resolution in relation to certain Fire Companies for violating an ordinance of the department. (Appendix No. 17.)

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Barton,

Chairman of the Committee on Health,

Submitted a report relating to the filthy condition of certain streets, with the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of this communication as refers to paved streets, the Chief Commissioner of Highways be required to have them cleansed forthwith, so much as refers to unpaved streets be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Potter,

Chairman of the Committee on Schools,

Submitted a report with a bill entitled "An ordinance to make an appropriation to the Controllérs of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of paying the salaries of the teachers of the public schools of said districts for the year 1856." (Appendix No. 18.)

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report, with the following resolution :

Resolved, That the communication signed by H. Cowperthwaite in relation to Water Rent for Artisan Buildings, be referred to the Committee on Water Works; and the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys,

Submitted a report with the following: (Appendix No. 19.)

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be hereby authorized and directed to prepare a revised plan of the regulations and grades of so much of the Twenty-first Ward

as is embraced in the late Borough of Manayunk, extending the same north-eastward to the Ridge Road or Avenue, and secure the proper lines of the streets by permanent land-marks.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A report from the same Committee, with the following :
(Appendix No. 20.)

Resolved, That the department of Surveys be hereby authorized and directed, to prepare sectional plans of such parts of the Twenty-second Ward as are not included in resolutions or ordinances now in force, and that proper land-marks be permanently fixed, and that such grade regulations be established thereon as the necessities of the City shall require.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Committee on re-organization of the departments,

Submitted a report with a Bill, entitled "An ordinance organizing the department for supplying the city with water, approved October 3d, 1854." (Appendix No. 21.)

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Boyle

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Mayor of the City be, and he is hereby requested to instruct the police of the various divisions to perform, in addition to their other duties, the following, to wit: To report to the Lieutenants of their respective divisions the filthy condition of any street, lane or alley that might require the immediate attention of the scavengers, or any other nuisance that may come under their notice; and the said Lieutenants, immediately upon the receipt of such information, to report the same to the Chief Commissioner of Highways, in order that the same may be promptly attended to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and O'Neill,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Catherwood, Craven, Davis, William Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Porter, Robb, Slocum, Sorver, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abr'm Baker, Barber, Boller, Booth, Butler, Crease, J. F. Deal, Henry, King, Lex, Marsh, Mascher, Potter, Reed, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, Pres't.

Yeas 48. Nays 21.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as read was adopted.

Mr. Parker

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Poor be directed to inquire into the expediency of erecting "a House of Correction," on the Alms House grounds, and report by bill or otherwise.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Burnell

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas Works be requested to cause Gas Lamps to be placed inside of Logan Square with as little delay as possible, as that square is now closed at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Millard Fillmore, Ex-President of the United States, is daily expected to arrive in the United States, and there is reason to believe he will visit our city—Therefore,

Resolved, That Independence Hall be placed at his disposal for the reception of his friends and fellow-citizens, and that the Mayor be requested to tender to him a public welcome on behalf of the authorities of our city.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading of the resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. McCleary and Hagner,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromlee, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, S. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Boller, Booth, Craven, Davis, Ford, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, King, Lex, Marsh, Parker, Reed, and Ridgway.

Yeas 65. Nays 14.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution,

Mr. King

Moved to strike out the word "him," in the third line, and insert "Franklin Pierce."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Davis, Harper, Hubbard, King, Parker, and Ridgway.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Bradford, Bremer, Bromlee, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, W. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 11. Nays 63.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to strike out the word "his," in the first line, and insert "the," and add, after the word "disposal," "of Millard Fillmore."

Mr. Booth

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Davis, Harper, King, Marsh, Parker, Reed, and Ridgway.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, W. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McMa-

nus, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Seofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 11. Nays 60.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until Thursday week.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. B. H. Brown and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Harper, Marsh, Parker, and Ridgway.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromlee, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, W. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Seofield, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 7. Nays 58.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McCleary

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising, viz :

Messrs. Findlay, Mascher, Crease, Bevan, Catherwood, Vanhorn, T. J. Roberts, Owen, McCleary, Monaghan, Horrocks and Jackson.

The question being "Shall the Main Question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The Main Question being on the resolution as amended,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Bradford,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromlee, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fidler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, B. H. Brown, Craven, Davis, Ford, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, King, Lex, Parker, Reed, and Ridgway.

Yeas 61. Nays 14.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution as amended,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bromlee, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fidler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelley, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Wright, and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, and Benjamin H. Brown.

Yeas 57. Nays 2.

Agreed to.

Mr. Catherwood

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By Select and Common Council, that the Board of Health be requested to report to Councils at their next stated meeting, the amount of monies paid to them or the Health Officer, for the examination of passengers and their baggage arriving at the Port of Philadelphia, during the year ending June 1, 1856, and whether said monies have been paid into the Treasury of the City.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee on Markets be and they are hereby instructed, to inquire into the expediency of erecting two squares of Market Houses on Eleventh street south of Prime, and report at our next stated meeting.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Vanhorn

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Schools enquire into the expediency of appropriating a certain portion of the lot of ground, at the S. E. corner of Twentieth and Coates streets, for the purpose of erecting a Grammar School on the same, and a portion of said lot for the expense of same.

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Jackson

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the property owners on Jefferson and Oxford streets, from Broad to Fifteenth streets, be notified to curb and pave the footways according to law.

Mr. Jackson

Moved to suspend the Rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Joint Committee charged with the duty of ascertaining the value of the property offered for sale by the city under the Ordinance approved May 31, 1856, are hereby authorized to inquire and ascertain whether the lot of ground owned by the city, situate between Spruce and Pine streets, containing 45 feet front on Twentieth street and extending of that breadth 495 feet to Twenty-first street, can be disposed of to the person from whom it was purchased at the original cost thereof, and the said committee also inquire and ascertain whether the said original cost is equal to or greater than the present value of the said lot, and report the result of their inquiries to Councils.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was twice read and adopted.

Mr. William Deal

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of property on Carlisle and Fifteenth streets, from Thompson to Columbia Avenue, be notified to curb and pave the footways according to law.

Mr. Deal

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Wright

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the property owners on Thompson street from Twelfth to Broad street be notified to curb and pave the footways according to law.

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Miller

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this body will hold an adjourned meeting at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon, June 16th.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The law consolidating the late city and county of Philadelphia into one Municipal Corporation provides that the City Commissioners, the Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes shall constitute a Board of revision in relation to Taxes ; And whereas, the City Commissioners have assumed to themselves the power, and have exercised the same, of remitting Taxes upon property assessed,

Therefore, Resolved, That the City Solicitor be requested to communicate to this Council his opinion by what authority, if any, the City Commissioners can release property from Taxation without authority from Councils.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The Preamble was adopted.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following Resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, That the communication of C. H. Fisher, be, and the same is hereby referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of three members from each Chamber, with instructions to report to the next meeting of Councils what action is proper to be taken in relation to the matter to which said communication relates.

And had appointed on the Committee on behalf of Select Council, Messrs. Cuyler, Hilles and Higgins.

Mr. Butler

Moved to proceed to a second reading and consideration.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read a second time and adopted.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Butler, T. J. Roberts and Booth the Committee.

Council proceeded to the order of the day, viz : the ordinance relating to the supervision of the Girard Estates and Management of the Girard College for Orphans.

The motion to strike out "Board of Commissioners" where it occurs in the first section and insert "Committee" being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend, by inserting in lieu of "Committee" "Joint Standing Committee on Girard Estates."

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill for the present.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Re-organization of Departments.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to postpone its consideration, and that the Bill be printed for the use of the members.

Agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to reconsider the vote to postpone and print.

Agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill, and that it be printed and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Parker

Called for a division of the question.

The question being upon the first division of the motion, viz: "to postpone and print,"

It was agreed to.

The question being upon the second division, viz: to make the Bill the order of the day for Thursday next,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Leech

On leave being granted,

Read in place a Bill entitled "An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance approved March 1, 1856, relating to the running at large of Cows and Sheep in the 24th Ward."

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Harper

On leave granted,

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerks be directed to deliver as soon as can be printed, to the members, the Ordinance relating to the supervision of the Girard Estates and management of the Girard College.

Mr. Harper

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration.

The resolution was read, and being under consideration,

Mr. M. C. Brown

Moved to adjourn.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 19th, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Burnell,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,

Messrs. Holman,
Horrocks,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Reed,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Scofield,
Slocum,

Messrs. Snyder	Messrs. Vogdes,
Sorver,	Welsh,
Stevenson,	Winship,
Vanhorn,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the Journal.

Mr. Parker

Objected.

The Clerk proceeded with the reading.

Mr. Ford

Moved to suspend the further reading.

Agreed to.

The President, (no objection being made,)

Ordered the Journal to be amended, on page 112, by striking out all after the word "on," in the first line, and insert "the amendment to the resolution."

Mr. Iseminger

Presented a petition from citizens and builders of the First and Second Wards asking attention of Councils to the laws governing Surveys and Regulations.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

A petition from property holders on Seventeenth street between Fitzwater and Catharine street, asking for the introduction of water pipes.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Kelly

Presented a petition from residents of Second Ward, asking that the Precinct House of the Fifth Division may be changed.

Mr. Borie

Presented a petition from Citizens of the Eighth Division, Third Ward, asking that the Precinct House may be changed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr Boyle

Presented a petition from Citizens of the southwestern part of the City, asking for the erection of two squares of Market Houses on Eleventh street, south of Catharine street.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property in the vicinity of Eleventh and Wharton streets, asking that Wharton street may be opened from Eleventh to Thirteenth streets.

Also,

A petition from owners and agents of property on Nineteenth street, between South and Shippen streets, asking that said street may be paved.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A bill from Evans & Watson, for Salamander Safe for the Law Department.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Winship

Presented a petition from the Good Intent Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Also,

One of like import from the West Philadelphia Fire Company.

Also,

One of like import from the Spring Garden Hose Company.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Bradford

Presented a petition from Citizens of the Seventh Ward, asking that Lamps may be placed on Burton street, below Lombard.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Henry

Presented a bill from Ald. George H. Armstrong, for services as Police Magistrate in the Seventh Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Northrop

Presented a report from Strickland Kneass, Chief Engineer and Surveyor on the Coates street and Cohocksink Creek Culverts.

Also,

A report from the Chief Engineer relating to Surveys and Regulations requisite for the increase and extension of improvements.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Craven

Presented bills from Messrs. H. T. Grout, W. W. Juvenal and F. C. Brightly, for professional services.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Miller.

Moved to refer the bills of Messrs. Grout, Juvenal and Brightly, to the Committee on Claims.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Craven

Presented bills from the Board of Revision for expenses incurred.

Also,

A bill from T. Hawksworth, for printing Statement for Controller,

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A petition from Oliver Evans, relating to the extinguishment of a certain ground rent.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Barber

Presented a petition from owners of property on Waterloo street, between Richmond street and Alleghany Avenue, in Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Mr. McManus

Presented a petition from property holders on Commerce street, Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be filled up and graded.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Melloy

Presented a petition from the owners of property on Thompson street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, asking that water pipe may be laid on said street.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A petition from owners of property in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards, asking that certain streets may be graded.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Bromley

Presented a petition from the Citizens of Twenty-first Ward, (late borough of Manayunk, asking for a Market House.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Presented a communication from the Franklin Institute, asking for the use of Franklin Square, to erect a building thereon, for an Exhibition, which was

On motion of T. J. Roberts

Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. T. J. Roberts, Ford and Mascher.

Mr. Crease

Presented the proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Directors of Public Schools of Twenty-first section, held June 17th, 1856.

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Owen

Presented a petition from Citizens of the Twenty-second Ward, asking for the opening of Park street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Jackson

Presented a petition from Thomas Ryan, George Blackburne and Thomas S. Davis, asking payment for a culvert in Penn District.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Marsh

Presented a petition from owners of property on Race street, from Sixteenth to Eighteenth streets, asking for a culvert.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Booth

Presented a petition of Robert McCalley, asking payment for Salary as Policeman.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The President

Presented a petition from owners of property on Lewis street, in the First Ward, asking that water pipes may be laid therein.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A communication from Citizens of the Ninth Ward, complaining of a nuisance.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hagner

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., to pay certain damages in Certificates of City Debt.— (Appendix No. 24.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works, to whom was referred a communication from the "Butcher's Melting Association," asking the repeal of "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved January 29th, 1856, entitled 'An Ordinance to provide for the payment of expenses incurred in the laying of pipes, for the conveyance of water in and through the streets of the City, approved April 10th, 1856,'" submitted a report adverse to the same, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they had considered the resolution from Select Council, referred to them, directing the Chief Engineer of

the Department for supplying the City with Water to cause certain water pipes to be laid, and report the same back as committed, and ask Council to concur in its adoption.

Council concurred.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with Water, be authorized and directed to cause water pipes, of the proper diameter, to be laid in the following streets, to wit: Fifth street, from Buttonwood street to York Avenue; Oxford street, from Marvine to Twelfth; and in Marvine street, from Oxford street to Columbia Avenue.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to amend by adding the following:

“And that the water pipe be laid on Clinton street from Putnam to Montgomery streets.”

Agreed to

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Miller

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, submitted the following:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property or a majority thereof on Burton street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth streets, and Carver street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth streets, in the Seventh Ward; Fisher street, from Ninth to Tenth streets; Lewis street, from Ninth to Tenth streets; Webb street, from Fitzwater to Catharine, in the First Ward; Enue street, from Eighth street to Passyunk Road, in the Second Ward; Mervine street, from Thompson to Master, in the Twentieth Ward; and Marshall street, from Dauphin to York streets, in the Nineteenth Ward; be, and they are hereby, authorized to have said streets paved.

Provided, the same shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and the parties contracting

to do the same, shall enter into an agreement, to keep the said streets in good order for at least twelve months from the time they are opened for the public use, and provided further, that the city shall not be at any expense for the same, except for the paving of the intersections, and provided further, that the water pipe shall be first laid therein.

Read twice and adopted.

Also, a bill, entitled

“An Ordinance repealing so much of an ordinance approved March 1st, 1856, as relates to the running at large of Cows and Sheep in the Twenty-fourth Ward,” with a negative recommendation. (Appendix No. 22.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Reported a bill entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways to pay certain road damages, partly in certificates of the city debt and partly in money.” (Appendix No 25.)

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Chairman of the Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the petition of the President and officers of “The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society,” reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the South-east section of Penn Square be granted to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, for their annual exhibition in September next, subject to such restrictions as the Commissioners of City Property may deem requisite to protect the trees, shrubbery, &c. Provided also, that any expense incurred for that purpose be at the cost of said society.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Barton

Chairman from the Committee on Health, to whom was referred several communications from the Board of Health,

reported the same back to Council and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

They were so referred.

Mr. Sorver

Chairman of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill of S. A. Harrison, reported adverse to the payment thereof, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported adversely to the payment of the claims of William Binder, Michael F. Clark, Adam Moffit, and T. N. Town, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Brouse

Chairman of the committee on markets to whom was referred "A supplement to an ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses, approved October 19th, 1854," (Appendix No. 23.)

Reported back to Council the ordinance as committed, with the following Resolution :

"Resolved, That Common Council be recommended to pass the ordinance as above reported."

Laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Mayor in reference to the uncleanly condition of the streets, with accompanying reports from the High Constables of the City on the subject, and also calling attention to the law in relation to Hackney Coaches.

That part of the same relating to streets,

Was referred to the Committee on Highways.

That part relating to Hackney Coaches and other Vehicles,

Was referred to the Committee on Police.

The President

Presented a communication from the City Solicitor in reference to the decision of the Supreme Court, in regard to the State Tax on City Loans. (Appendix No. 26.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

From the City Solicitor, a communication, stating that the "Board of Revision" alone have authority to release property from taxation. (Appendix No. 27.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be requested to inform the Chamber by what authority the footways have been filled and the line wall built in front of Mrs. Coulter's and Charles F. Ashmead's property, on the township line, between Queen street and Manheim, as it is supposed at the City's expense.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following :

Resolved, That a Committee of Twelve be appointed to examine the Criminal Docket of each Alderman and Justice of the Peace of the City, to ascertain the number of arrests made since the 21st day of April, 1855, and what costs have been paid to the Aldermen, and what fines and forfeits have been paid since June 12th, 1854. The said Committee to divide themselves into Sub-Committees, of not less than Three, with power to send for persons and papers, to report to Council the facts and evidence taken.

Read twice and adopted.

The President

Appointed the following Committee, to wit:

Messrs. O'Neill, Lindsay, Robb, Barber, Vogdes, Bevan, Hubbard, A. J. Baker, Mecutchen, Scofield, Jackson and Brownholtz.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Select Council be informed that this Chamber will be ready to meet them in convention, this afternoon at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of electing sixteen Police Magistrates.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Harper

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Water be directed to have Conduit Pipe laid on Franklin street, in the Twentieth Ward, from the northern termination of the present main on said street, to a distance of not less than seventy-three feet north from the north line of Jefferson street, as prayed for by sundry property owners on said street some months back.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Barber

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and he hereby is authorized and required, to enter satisfaction on the two following Judgments in the Disrict Court for the City and County of Philadelphia, to wit: "The Guardians for the relief and employment of the Poor, vs. George M. Hill, James H. Hurt, John Myers and Peter Snyder."—D. S. B., September Term, 1853, No. 188; and "The Commissioners and Inhabitants of the District of Kensington, vs. George M. Hill, James H. Hurt, Peter Snyder and John Mayer, (or Myers)."—D. S. B., September Term, 1853, No. 365. Provided, That the costs on said Judgments and

on all process founded thereon, shall be first paid by said defendants.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Miller

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby directed to report, at the next meeting of Common Council, an Ordinance providing for the exchange of the Stock of the Pennsylvania Rail Road, now owned by the City, for the Certificates of Loan issued by the City, to pay the instalments of the said Stock.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Catherwood

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the police officers be directed to open or cause to be opened, the fire plugs in the paved portion of the City, every day, (Sunday excepted) between the hours of 6½ and 7½ P. M., during the months of June, July, August and September, for the purpose of cleansing the streets and gutters.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works

Mr. Crease

Offered the following :

Resolved, that the Committee on Schools be requested to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the rebuilding or repairing of the house lately occupied by the Levering School in the Twenty-first section.

Mr. Crease

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof.

Not agreed to

Mr. Monaghan

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the property holders on Alleghany Avenue, Clearfield street, Summerset street and Lehigh Avenue, be directed to curb and grade the footways, according to law, and the Commissioner be directed to notify them of the same.

Mr. Monaghan

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Select Council informed,

That they have passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt of the city of Philadelphia, falling due on the 1st of July, 1856, and to pay the principal money of such debt as will come due on the same day."

Council proceeded to the consideration of the bill.

The first section being read

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend by adding to the end of the section, to wit:

That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the interest that has accrued, or that may hereafter accrue on the warrants heretofore endorsed by the City Treasurer, or some person under his authority, in pursuance of the resolution of Councils, approved August 23d, 1855.

Not agreed to.

The first section was agreed to.

The second, third and fourth sections were severally read and agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was by special order, read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the order of the day, to wit :

The ordinance relating to the supervision of the Girard estates and management of the Girard College for Orphans.

The first section as amended being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Moved to further amend, by striking out in the fifth line "President" and insert "Chairman," and "Board" and insert "Committee," also, in the eighth line, strike out "Board" and insert "Committee."

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to further amend by striking out in third line "by the respective Presidents."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to further amend in the fifth line by adding after the word "shall," "under direction of Councils," also, in the seventh line after the word "force," "and report from time to time to Councils as may be required."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to further amend, by striking out, in the third line "appointed by the respective Presidents," and insert "chosen by ballot."

Not agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The second section was read.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend, by striking out in the third and fourth lines, "Board of Commissioners of," and insert "Committee on."

Agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The third section was read.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend by striking out in the ninth, tenth and thirteenth lines "Board of Commissioners" and insert in the ninth and thirteenth lines "Committee."

Agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The fourth section was read, and

Agreed to.

The fifth section was read.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend by striking out "Board of Commissioners of" where it occurs in the fourth and seventh lines and insert "committee on," and strike out in the tenth and thirteenth lines "Board of Commissioners" and insert "committee."

Agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The sixth section was read.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend in the seventh line by striking out "Board of Commissioners" and insert "said committee."

Agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The seventh section was agreed to.

The eighth section was read.

On the question of agreeing to this section, the Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and Barber, and being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton,

Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Isenminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Barber, Boller, Booth, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Builer, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Ford, Harper, Henry, King, Lex, Marsh, Mascher, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Reed, Scofield, Winship, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 46. Nays 24.

The section was agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Submitted the following:

The undersigned, having voted against the eighth section of the "Ordinance relating to the supervision of the Girard Estates, &c.," records as his reason for such vote, that he believes that no cause but mal-administration, which is not alleged, can justify Councils in changing the organization of the Board, which, for nine years past, has efficiently managed the Girard College.

ALEXANDER HENRY.

Mr. Findlay

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill and that it be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Not agreed to.

The ninth section was read.

Mr. King

Moved to amend, by striking out all after the word "that" in the first line and insert "the Directors of the said College now in office may continue until the expiration of their several terms of service, and shall be apportioned to the respective Councils as follows—that is to say:

Thomas Robins and W. J. Duane to Select Council,
William Martin and M. L. Dawson to Common Council,
Whose term expires in June, 1857.

S. H. Perkins and C. A. Poulson to Select Council,
A. G. Coffin and John U. Giller to Common Council,
Whose term expires in June, 1858.

F. B. Warner and W. S. Smith to Select Council,
Jas. J. Boswell and John W. Ryan to Common Council,
Whose term expires in June, 1859.

Provided, That the Select and Common Councils each shall elect Three Directors of the Girard College, in the month of June, 1856."

And on the question the Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Harper, and being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Butler, Crease, Craven, Ford, Harper, Henry, King, Lex, Marsh, Northrop, Parker, C. B. Roberts, Stevenson, Winship, and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Robb, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, and Wright.

Yeas 22. Nays 48.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Leech, and being ordered were, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Ca-

therwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Robb, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, and Wright,

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Bol-ler, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Butler, Crease, Craven, Ford, Harper, Henry, King, Lex, Marsh, Northrop, Parker, Potter, Reed, C. B. Roberts, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 49. Nays 21.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to adjourn,

Not agreed to.

The tenth section was read, and

Agreed to.

The eleventh section was read, and

Agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to adjourn,

Not agreed to.

The twelfth section was read,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend by striking out the twelfth and thirteenth sections of the Bill, and substitute the following:—

“Section 12.” was read.

“The said Board of Directors shall have, and possess, and exercise, all the power, which, by existing Ordinances, are conferred upon the Directors therein mentioned; and so much of the Ordinance passed January 10th, 1833, which requires the election by Councils of Commissioners, the

same together with the Mayor, to constitute a Board of Commissioners of the Girard Estates, be and the same is hereby repealed. Provided, That no alteration or repairs shall be made, or buildings erected by the said Board of Directors, until the same shall have been laid before the Committee on Girard Estates, and said Committee shall report the same to Councils for their action thereto."

And was not agreed to.

The second section of the amendment was read, to wit:

"All bills for supplies to said College, or for payment of salaries, or for any purpose pertaining to the College, shall be properly certified by the said Board of Directors, and attested by the Secretary thereof, to the Superintendent of the Girard Estates, who shall lay the same before the Committee on Girard Estates for examination and inspection, previous to drawing his warrant for the amount thereof, on the City Treasurer, in favor of the person to whom the same is due. The said Board of Directors shall, in the month of December in each year, lay before the Committee on Girard Estates an estimate of the amount that will be required for the support of the College for the ensuing year, stating the amount under proper heads; and, if approved by the Committee, the same shall be reported to Councils."

And was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original section, viz: the Twelfth,

It was agreed to.

The thirteenth section was read, and

Agreed to.

The fourteenth section was read, and

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved an additional section, to wit:

Sec. 15. All expenses for building, salaries, supplies, repairs and alterations, in relation to said College, shall be

first reported to Councils and shall be approved by them before payments be made or warrants drawn therefor.

Not agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading of the bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Harper, and being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Owen, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Butler, Harper, Parker, and T. J. Roberts.

Yeas 56. Nays 7.

Agreed to.

The bill was read a third time, when

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Brown and Harper, and being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, Owen, Porter, Robb, Sco-

field, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Benjamin H. Brown, Butler, Harper, Northrop, Parker, T. J. Roberts, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 48. Nays 7.

So the bill passed.

Mr. M. J. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 26th, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Hubbard,
Baird,	Jackson,
Baker, Abraham,	Kelly,
Barber,	Kershaw,
Bevan,	King,
Borie,	Leech,
Boyle,	Lindsay,
Bradford,	Marsh,
Bremer,	Martin,
Bromley,	Mascher,
Brown, Benjamin H.	Melloy,
Brown, M. C.	Miller,
Brownholtz,	Monaghan,
Brouse,	McMakin,
Burnell,	Northrop,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Catherwood,	Owen,
Craven,	Parker,
Deal, J. F.,	Potter,
Deal, William,	Reed,
Dougherty,	Robb,
Dutton,	Roberts, Spencer,
Elliott,	Roberts, T. J.,
Findlay,	Scotfield,
Ford,	Snyder
Geiss,	Sorver,
Hagner,	Stevenson,
Harper,	Vanhorn,
Hassinger,	Vogdes,
Henry,	Winship,
Holman,	Wright,
Horrocks,	Patterson, President.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Bevan

Presented a petition from Citizens of Third Division, Second Ward, asking that the bounds of the said division may be changed.

Mr. Dougherty

One from Citizens and residents of Fifth Division, Fourth Ward, asking that the Precinct House may be changed.

The President

One of like import from Citizens of Seventh Division, First Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Kelly

Presented a Warrant, drawn by the Commissioners of Richmond, in favor of T. & W. Firth.

Mr. Craven

Presented a bill from Samuel Allen, late High Sheriff.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from property owners on Twelfth street, from Stiles street to Columbia Avenue, asking that the said street may be paved.

Mr. Ford

One from owners of property and residents of Vine street and vicinity, between Nineteenth street and the River Schuylkill, asking for a Culvert.

Mr. Barber

One from property owners and residents on Gaul street, from Wood to Dauphin streets, asking that the sidewalks may be curbed and paved.

Also,

One of like import from property owners and residents on Brown street, from Wood to Norris streets, in the Eighteenth Ward, and Wood street, between Gaul and Norris streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from John McCabe, asking to be appointed Superintendent of the City Rail Road.

Mr. M. C. Brown

One from George Geyer, asking to be appointed Police Magistrate of the Thirteenth Ward.

The President

Presented the following communication :

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
First School District of Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, June 25th, 1856.

At a meeting of the Controllers of Public Schools, First School District of Pennsylvania, held at the Controllers' Chamber, on Tuesday, June 24th, 1856, the following preamble and resolution, from the Fifth Section was, on motion, referred to the City Councils.

Whereas, The Directors of the South-east Grammar Schools, in Front street below Pine, trusting that a new School House would be erected in their Section, have, for many years past, caused but little money to be expended on their School Building, and whereas, the said edifice is in great want of repairs and painting, therefore :

Resolved, That the Board of Control be respectfully urged, to request the City Councils to make an additional

appropriation of seven hundred dollars, for the purpose of painting and repairing the South-east Grammar School House.

R. J. HEMPHILL,
Secretary.

TO WILLIAM C. PATTERSON, ESQ.,
President of Common Council.

Also,

One from William G. Flanagan, resigning as Trustee of the Philadelphia Gas Works,

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Baird

Presented a petition from Citizens, asking for the passage of an Ordinance to provide for the cleansing of Docks, on the Delaware and Schuylkill Fronts of the City.

Referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Catherwood

One from property holders, on Fifth street, between Arch and Race streets, in the Sixth Ward, asking for a Culvert.

Referred to Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Wright

One from owners of property on Lewis street, asking that Water Pipe may be laid on said street, between Thompson and Master streets.

Mr. Vogdes

One of like import from property owners on Chestnut, Mantua and Oak streets.

The President

One of like import from owners of property on Cooper street, Eighth Ward.

Which were referred to Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Owen

One from Mount Airy Fire Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted a report with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the sale of two certain yearly rent charges." (Appendix No. 28.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A report, with a resolution, authorizing the City Treasurer to draw warrants for the payment of the Ninth and Tenth (the final) Instalments of subscription to the North Western Rail Road Company. (Appendix No 29.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A report with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the bills of the Coroner, for September, October, November and December, 1855." (Appendix No. 30.)

Mr. Craven

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

The first and second sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, submitted a report with a resolution, authorizing the owners of property on Thirty-fifth street, from Lancaster Avenue, to Bridge street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to pave the same. (Appendix No 31.)

Read twice and adopted.

- Also,

A report with a resolution, authorizing the owners of property on Nineteenth street, between South and Shippen Streets, in the First Ward, to pave the same. (Appendix No. 32.)

Read twice and adopted.

M. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Prisons, submitted a report with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Debtors' Apartment of the County Prison." (Appendix No. 33.)

Laid on the table.

The President

Presented a communication from the Board of Health, in reference to the cleaning of streets, and requesting a conference with a Committee of Councils on the subject.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted a report with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Poor, to pay expenses incurred in the support of the Poor, in the former Borough of Manayunk." (Appendix No. 34.)

Laid on the table.

The President

Presented a communication from Alderman John Thompson, relative to the amount of Money paid by him into the City Treasury.

Referred to Special Committee on Police Magistrates.

Mr. Elliott

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resignation of William C. Flanagan, as a Member of Board of Trustees of the City Gas-Works be accepted, and that Common Council proceed at 5 o'clock this afternoon to an election, for the purpose of filling said vacancy.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Findlay

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Select Council be informed that this Council will meet them in Convention this afternoon, at 5½ o'clock, for the purpose of proceeding to the election of a Superintendent and Agent of the Girard Estates.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the resolution approved August 23d, A. D. 1855, which provides for the endorsement by the City Treasurer, of all Warrants on the Treasury, and for the payment of six per cent. interest on such Warrants, when there shall not have been in the Treasury of the City money to pay said Warrants on presentation, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr Boyle

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be, and he is hereby instructed to direct the Purveyors of the various divisions, to detail a sufficient number of the men employed under them for the purpose of opening the Fire Plugs, for fifteen minutes in the evening, particularly in the densely populated portions of the City, during the prevalence of the intense warm weather.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading and consideration.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers, whenever they may deem it necessary in the investigation of any matter referred to them.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr Kelly

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Gas Lamps in Jefferson Square.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. McMakin

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Markets be directed to attend to and immediately repair the pavement in the Market House, on Market street, between Second and Third streets.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Catherwood

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to provide a sufficient quantity of Chloride of Lime, for the disinfection of the different openings into the sewers throughout the City.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Melloy

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the property owners on a certain twenty-five foot wide street, running north from Master, between Franklin and Eighth streets, be directed to have the curbs set, and sidewalks paved, according to law.

Laid on the table.

Mr. McMakin

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be directed to have the crossing at Chestnut street Wharf across Delaware Avenue, re-set to connect with the footway.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

On Motion of

Mr. Stevenson

Council proceeded to the consideration of bill No. 12, Common Council file, entitled "A supplement to 'An Ordinance, establishing the Department of Market Houses, approved October 19th, 1854.'"

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to strike out said section, and insert in lieu thereof, the first section of bill No. 1, Select Council file, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance passed October 19th, 1854, entitled an Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses."

Not agreed to.

The first and second sections were then agreed to.

The title was read, when

Mr. Elliott

Moved to re-consider the bill.

Agreed to.

Mr. Potter

Moved to re-commit the bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Brownholtz,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Henry, King, Miller, Parker, Potter, Ridgway, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Elliott, Findlay, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, McMakin, Northrop, Porter, Reed, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes and Wright.

Yeas 15. Nays 87.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Elliott

Moved to amend the first section as follows :

To insert after the word "Wharton," in fifth line, the word "Market," and after the word "and," in the same line, the words "the Clerk of the Eleventh street Market shall perform the duties required of the Clerk of the."

The Yeas and Yays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Catherwood,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Elliott, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Owen, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Vogdes and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Horrocks, Mascher, Mecutchen, McMakin, Northrop, Parker, Potter, Ridgway, Robb, Stevenson and Wright.

Yeas 24. Nays 23.

It was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 4, Select Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Department of City Commissioners.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Surveyors be, and he is hereby directed to take the necessary incipient steps to widen the Township Line Road, on Wis-sahickon street, in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Wards, from Nicetown Lane to where it intersects Carpenter street, to the width of 50 feet, and also, that he is hereby directed to fix the width of the Footways on the north-west and south-west sides of Wayne street, as laid out upon the confirmed plan of the late Borough of Germantown, at twenty feet, any existing regulations to the contrary notwithstanding.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance relating to "Hunting Park," in the Twenty-third Ward, of the City of Philadelphia."

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the bill.

Agreed to.

The first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The third section being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend as follows, to wit :

After the word " approve," in the sixth line, add " the said Committee shall report to Councils such plan and cost of same."

Agreed to.

Mr. Reed

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill for the present.

Not agreed to.

The third section as amended was then

Agreed to.

The fourth section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

The hour of 5 having arrived, Council proceeded to the election of a Trustee of the City Gas Works, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William G. Flanagan,—when

Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Marsh, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McNeill, Northrop, Owen, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President,

50, voted for George W. Biddle.

Messrs. Barber, Boller, B. H. Brown, Craven, Ford, Harper, King, Marsh, Reed, Ridgway and S. Roberts,

11, voted for T. K. Collins.

George W. Biddle having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected a Trustee of the City Gas Works.

The President

Presented invitations for Councils to visit the "Polytechnic College of the State of Pennsylvania," and the "Annual Commencement of the University of Pennsylvania."

Mr. Catherwood

Moved that they be accepted.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That in accordance with the request of William J. Duane and John A. Barclay, surviving Executors of the will of Stephen Girard, the books and vouchers of the Executors, and also, the books of the Trustees of the Bank of Stephen Girard, shall be deposited in the Girard College, in charge of the Board of Directors, with the other books and papers of the said Testator; and that the President of the Board of Directors of the Girard College, be requested to furnish a proper receipt therefor, to the said Executors, with the understanding that they shall have free access to such books and papers whenever they may deem it expedient.

Common Council concurred.

Also,

That they have concurred in the resolution from Common Council relative to paving Nineteenth street, from South to Shippen street, with the following amendment to be added thereto, to wit :

“And provided further, that the property owners obligate themselves to keep the said streets in repair, for the period of one year from the completion of the work.”

Common Council concurred.

Also,

That they had concurred in the resolution from Common Council, to meet in Convention at 5½ o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Superintendent and Agent of the Girard Estates.

Also,

That they had passed a bill, entitled “A supplement to an Ordinance, entitled ‘An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools, of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Public Schools in the said District, for the year 1856, approved March 31st, 1856.’”

The officers and members of the Select Council were introduced.

Councils being assembled in Convention,

The President

Announced the object thereof.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of Girard Estates.

The Clerks acting as Tellers, reported that 79 votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Biedeman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Welsh, Williams and Wharton, President,

16, voted for George F. Goodman.

Common Council,

Messrs. Baird, A. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boric, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President,

53, voted for George F. Goodman.

In all, 69 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Verree,

1, voted for Charles S. Smith.

Common Council,

Messrs. Barber, Boller, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, King and Parker,

9, voted for Charles S. Smith.

In all, 10 votes.

George F. Goodman, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Superintendent of the Girard Estates.

On motion,

Councils proceeded to the election of Agent of the Girard Estates.

The Clerks acting as Tellers, reported that 78 votes had been cast, of which

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Williams, and Wharton, President,

15, voted for Jacob H. Fisler.

Common Council,

Messrs. Baird, A. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Martin, Mascher, Meeutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President,

53, voted for Jacob H. Fisler.

In all, 68 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Verree,

1, voted for James Hutchinson.

Common Council,

Messrs. Barber, Boller, B. H. Brown, Craven, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, King and Parker,

9, voted for James Hutchinson.

In all, 10 votes.

Jacob H. Fisler, having received a majority, of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Agent of the Girard Estates.

The President

Announced the result of the meeting in Joint Convention.

The Convention then adjourned, and Select Council retired.

Council proceeded to the Election, viva voce, of nine Directors of the Girard College for Orphans.

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton. Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler and Catherwood,

Having voted for

Messrs. Samuel H. Perkins, Frederick A. Packard, Mordecai L. Dawson, William Biddle, William Mayberry, William H. Hamilton, Richard Rush, Henry D. Gilpin and George W. Nebinger;

Messrs. Barber and B. H. Brown,

Having voted for

Messrs. Frederick A. Packard, Mordecai L. Dawson, William Biddle, William Martin, A. G. Coffin, John U. Giller, James J. Boswell, John W. Ryan and William P. Hacker;

Mr. Boller

Having voted for

Messrs. Samuel H. Perkins, Frederick A. Packard, Mordecai L. Dawson, William Biddle, Richard Rush, Henry D. Gilpin, A. G. Coffin, James J. Boswell and William P. Hacker;

Mr. Bromley

Having voted for

Messrs. Samuel H. Perkins, Frederick A. Packard, Mordecai L. Dawson, William Biddle, William Mayberry, William H. Hamilton, Richard Rush and George W. Nebinger;

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the Election, and proceed to vote by ballot, in accordance with the letter of the ordinance.

The motion being under discussion,

Mr. Miller

Moved to lay the motion on the table,

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Northrop,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Holman, Horrocks, Isenminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Reed, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Barber, Butler, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Miller, Parker, Potter, Scofield and Wright.

Yeas 42. Nays 10.

Agreed to.

Messrs. Elliott and Harper were appointed Tellers, and Council proceeded to vote by ballot for nine Directors of the Girard College for Orphans.

The ballots were opened, counted and the Tellers announced that there had been fifty one votes cast, of which,

Samuel H. Perkins received fifty-votes,

Frederick A. Packard received fifty one-votes,

M. L. Dawson received fifty-one votes,

William Biddle received fifty-one votes,

William Mayberry received forty-eight votes,

William H. Hamilton received forty-nine votes,

Richard Rush received fifty-one votes,

Henry D. Gilpin received forty-nine votes,

George W. Nebinger received forty-eight votes,

William Martin received one vote,

A. G. Coffin received three votes,

J. U. Giller received one vote,
James J. Boswell received three votes,
William P. Hacker received two votes.

The President

Announced that

Messrs. Samuel H. Perkins, Frederick A. Packard, M. L. Dawson, William Biddle, William Mayberry, Wm. H. Hamilton, Richard Rush, Henry D. Gilpin, and George W. Nebinger, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected Directors of the Girard College for Orphans.

On leave being granted,

Mr. King,

For himself and other members, submitted the following, to wit:

We the undersigned decline voting for Directors of the Girard College for Orphans, (by ballot,) the method prescribed by the Ordinance under which this election is conducted, believing it to be in direct conflict with Section 2, of Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania, which provides that "All elections shall be by ballot, except those by persons in their representative capacities who shall vote viva voce."

HENRY T. KING,
RICHARD PARKER,
ROBERT V. BARBER,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
JOHN M. FORD,
JAMES HARPER.

Mr. B. H. Brown

Presented the following, to wit:

The undersigned declines voting, for the reason that he has already once voted for Directors of Girard College, which vote is or should be recorded upon the Journal, as part of the proceedings of this body, and because he con-

siders any other mode of election a violation of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN H. BROWN.

Mr. Findlay

Offered the following :

Whereas, Doubts are entertained by some of the members of this Council whether the election just held for nine Directors of the Girard College, is constitutional on account of the said election having been made by ballot, therefore,

Resolved, That Richard Rush, Henry D. Gilpin, William C. Mayberry, William H. Hamilton, Dr. George W. Nebinger, William Biddle, Mordecai L. Dawson, Frederick A. Packard and Samuel H. Perkins, be and they are hereby declared to be elected Directors of the Girard College for Orphans, under the 9th section of the Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance relating to the supervision of the Girard Estates, and management of the Girard College for Orphans, and the election for said Directors just held by ballot, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Findlay.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Brownholtz, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Martin, Mascher, Monaghan, McMakin, Northrop, Owen, Potter, Porter, Reed, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Barber and King.

Yeas 44. Nays 2

The resolution was adopted.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance re-organizing the Police Department of the City of Philadelphia."

Laid on the table.

Mr. Miller

Leave being granted, read in place a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed warrants."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the opening of certain streets."

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Owen

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance, from Select Council, to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools.

Mr. Baker

Moved to postpone, print and make the bill the order of the day for Thursday next.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and B. H. Brown.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Brouse, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hassinger, Horrocks, Miller, Monaghan, Northrop, Porter, Scofield, Sorver, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, Dutton, Ford, Harper, Holman, Isenminger, Jackson, Kelly,

Kershaw, King, Leech, McMakin, Owen, Parker, Potter, Reed, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Vogdes, and Winship.

Yeas 18. Nays 27.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Scofield

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Scofield and Baker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Boyle, William Deal, Elliott, Geiss, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Miller, Scofield and Stevenson.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Ford, Harper, Holman, Horrocks, Kershaw, King, Leech, Mascher, Monaghan, McMakin, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, Reed, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship and Patterson, Pres't.

Yeas 10. Nays 32.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved a call of the Chamber.

The Roll was called and the Clerk reported forty-three Members present, viz :

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Bevan, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Leech, Mascher, Monaghan, McMakin, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, Reed, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

The President

Reported a quorum present.

Mr. Leech

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Parker.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Brownholtz, Burnell, Catherwood, Findlay, Ford, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Leech, Miller, Monaghan, Northrop, Reed, Scofield and Stevenson.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Dutton, Hagner, Harper, Mascher, Owen, Parker, Potter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 22. Nays 19.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 3d, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. King,
Baker, A. J.	Leech,
Baker, Abraham,	Lex,
Bevan,	Lindsay,
Boller,	Mascher,
Booth,	Mecutchen,
Boyle,	Melloy,
Bradford,	Monaghan,
Bremer,	Murphy,
Brown, M. C.	McCleary,
Brownholtz,	McMakin,
Burnell,	McManus,
Butler,	Northrop,
Catherwood,	O'Neill,
Crease,	Owen,
Deal, J. F.,	Parker,
Deal, William,	Potter,
Dougherty,	Porter,
Dutton,	Reectenwald,
Elliott,	Robb,
Findlay,	Roberts, T. J.,
Ford,	Schofield,
Fitler,	Slocum,
Geiss,	Snyder
Hagner,	Sorver,
Harper,	Stevenson,
Hassinger,	Vanhorn,
Henry,	Vogdes,
Hubbard,	Winship,
Iseminger,	Wright,
Kelly,	Patterson, President.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Presented a Petition from the Citizens of the First Ward, asking that Water Pipes may be laid on Franklin street, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

Mr. Bradford

One from Citizens residing in Meredith street, in the Seventh Ward, of like import.

Mr. Miller

One of like import from owners of property on Church street, between Mifflin street and Keeler lane, in the First Ward.

Mr. Wright

One of like import from Citizens owning property on Ann street, between Ridge Avenue and Nineteenth street, in the Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Vanhorn

One from Citizens residing on Orr street, asking for a supply of Water.

Which were referred to Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Alexander

Presented a Bill from Messrs. Barnes and Strang, for repairing Shed, at Second and South street Market.

Mr. Miller

One from Ganung and Wrightman, for Lumber furnished the District of Richmond.

Also,

A petition from Samuel Hasson, asking relief for injuries received by the opening of Schuylkill Eighth street.

Mr. Northrop

A Bill from John M. Read, for Professional Services to the late District of Kensington.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Porter

Presented a petition from Citizens, complaining of the condition of the ponds of water at Broad and Prime sts.

Mr. Miller

One from property owners on Prichett street, between Thirteenth and Broad streets, and between Washington and Federal streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Vanhorn

One from Citizens residing on Orr street, between Frances and Ann streets, asking that a nuisance may be abated.

Mr. Melloy

One from owners of property in the vicinity of Twenty-Second and Springett streets, for the construction of an Inlet into the Culvert.

Mr. Scofield

One from property owners on Apple street, between Diamond street and Susquehanna Avenue, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Northrop

One from Lane Schofield, asking for payment for the construction of a Culvert.

Also,

One from William Duncan, asking for deduction from Bill for Curbing and Paving Footways in Seventh street below Poplar.

Mr. Crease

One of like import from property holders on Green Lane, in the Twenty-First Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Potter

Presented a petition from owners of property on Third street, between Market and Arch, asking that the Gas Lamps may be replaced.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Northrop

One from William Hinkle, against restoring the grade of Columbia Avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets.

Referred to Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

The President

One from residents on Seventh street above Montgomery, in the Twentieth Ward, calling the attention of Councils to a Nuisance.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Mr. Mascher

On behalf of W. L. Germon, presented to Councils a Photograph Likeness of General Washington, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the portrait of "WASHINGTON," photographically copied from the original painting, by STEWARD, and presented to Councils, by Mr. Washington L. Germon, be accepted and placed in the Hall of Independence, and that the Mayor be requested to acknowledge its receipt to Mr. Germon.

Read twice and adopted.

The President

Presented a communication from the Board of Health, requesting information of the location of all filthy streets,

Lanes, Alleys and Water Courses in the built up portions of the City, and for appropriations for sanitary purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

An invitation for Council to attend the Semi-annual Commencement of the Central High School.

Also,

The following communication :

Kensington, Philada., July 2d, 1856.

To the President and Members of Common Council :

GENTLEMEN :—Recently elected a Director of the Girard College, I have concluded to herewith tender you my resignation as a member of the Board of Port Wardens.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you my grateful acknowledgements for the honor you so kindly conferred upon me.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very Respectfully, Yours, &c.,

JOHN ROBBINS, JR.

Also,

The following communication :

HALL OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS,
July 2d, 1856.

To the President of the Common Council
of the City of Philadelphia :

SIR :—At a meeting of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, held this day, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this College would invite the attention of Councils to the present uncleanly condition of the streets and water courses, which, in the case of a continuance of

hot weather, will be very likely to endanger the health of the City.

The undersigned was charged with the duty of presenting this resolution to the body over which you preside.

I am, Very Respectfully,

ALFRED STILLE, M. D.,
Secretary.

Your obedient servant,

GEO. B. WOOD, M. D.,
President of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the City Commissioners, asking an appropriation to pay out Standing Claims, due for 1854 and 1855, as also, the balance due on account of Tax Duplicates, for 1856, and for the expenses of the Board of Revision.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to lay it on the table.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication:

Girard College, July 3d, 1856.

W. C. PATTERSON, ESQ.,

President of Common Council:

DEAR SIR:

I am instructed by the Directors of the Girard College for Orphans, to inform Common Council that in conformity with the ninth section of the Ordinance. relating to the College, the Members of the Board assembled on the 28th of June, and divided themselves into classes, as follows :—

Messrs. Thomas Robins, Wm. Martin and John Robins, Jr., elected by Select Council,

Messrs. Wm. Biddle, Richard Rush and Wm. Mayberry, elected by Common Council,

To serve for one year.

Messrs. W. J. Duane, William Welsh and Henry M. Phillips, elected by Select Council,

Messrs. Samuel H. Perkins, Henry D. Gilpin and W. H. Hamilton, elected by Common Council,

To serve for two years.

Messrs. James S. Watson, Daniel Deal and Thomas S. Stewart, elected by Select Council,

Messrs. Mordecia L. Dawson, F. A. Packard and G. W. Nebinger, elected by Common Council,

To serve for three years.

Respectfully, Yours, &c.,

HENRY W. AREY,

Secretary Girard College.

Also,

A communication from F. A. Packard, accepting the office of Director of Girard College.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from J. H. Fisler, submitting the names of his securities as Agent of the Girard Estates.

Also,

One from George F. Goodman, submitting the names of his securities as Superintendent of the Girard Estates.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an Appropriation to pay the Interest on endorsed Warrants. (Appendix No. 36.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Submitted a report, with a resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to cause water pipe to be laid on Tulip, Centre, Amber and Lewis streets. (Appendix No. 37.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report, with a resolution directing the Department of Highways to advertise for proposals for constructing a Culvert on Vine street, from Nineteenth street to the River Schuylkill.

Which was read a second time, and being under consideration,

Mr. McCleary

Moved to amend by adding to the same the following, to wit:—"Also, to advertise for proposals for Culverting the Cohocksink Creek, from Sixth to Front streets."

Mr. Leech

Moved to refer the resolution and amendment to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

From the same Committee,

Submitted a report with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the balance due for the building of a Culvert in Thompson street. (Appendix No. 38.)

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

To which was referred petitions for repairs to Pumps in Eleventh and Twenty-Third Wards, reported the same back as committed, and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Highways.

They were so referred.

Also,

From the same Committee,

A report adverse to the refunding to H. Cowperthwaite two hundred and sixty seven dollars and twenty cents, in consequence of the destruction by fire of the Artisan Buildings,—(Appendix No. 39,)—with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Also,

From the same Committee,

A report adverse to causing the Fire Plugs in the paved portions of the City, to be opened between the hours of 6½ and 7½ o'clock daily. (Appendix No. 40.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Winship

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, made a report relating to the application of certain Fire Companies, to be admitted into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 41.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Common Council inform Select Council that they will meet them in Convention at 5½ o'clock, P. M., this, Thursday Afternoon, to elect a Chief Engineer of the Water Department, a Commissioner of City Property and a Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to add "and two Commissioners of Highways."

Agreed to.

Mr. Elliott

Moved to amend by striking out "Chief Engineer of the Water Department."

Not agreed to.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Findlay

Presented a communication from the Managers of the "Rosine Association," asking for an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of a certain Judgment recovered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against the City of Philadelphia."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A bill, entitled "A further Supplement to an Ordinance establishing the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleaning of the City," passed August 29th, 1854.

Mr. Leech

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The first section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Law,

Submitted a report with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance, to provide for the payment of the claims of Frederick C. Brightly and Henry T. Grout." (Appendix No. 42.)

Mr. Baird

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves, Landings, &c.,

Submitted a report, with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance, to fix the lines on the Delaware River, between Pike street on the north, and the Point House Wharf on the south, beyond which no Wharf nor Pier shall be constructed." (Appendix No. 43.)

Also,

A bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the cleansing of the Docks on the Delaware and Schuylkill Fronts of the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 44.)

Which were severally read, and

Laid on the table.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

Chairman of the Joint Special Committee.

To which was referred the application of the "Franklin Institute Committee," asking for the use of a portion of Franklin Square, for the purpose of holding their Annual

Exhibition, submitted a report, with a preamble and resolutions, granting the same. (Appendix No. 45.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and McCleary,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boyle, Brouse, Crease, Geiss, Harper, Hassinger, Horrocks, Kelly, Kershaw, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Potter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, Boller, Booth, Bremer, Bromley, B. H. Brown, Brownholtz, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hubbard, Iseminger, King, Leech, Lindsay, McCutchen, McNeal, Northrop, Porter, Reed, Scofield, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Winship and Wright.

Yeas 31. Nays 33.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the bill making an appropriation to the Controllers of Public Schools.

Not agreed to.

On leave granted,

Mr. Hagner

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a resolution approving of the names of Michael McGill, Richard G. Laning, John Whiteman and James Goodman, as the Securities of George F. Goodman, as Superintendent of the Girard Estates. (Appendix No. 46.)

It was adopted.

Mr. Butler

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works,

Submitted a report with a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to provide for lighting the Public Lamps,'" approved December 30th, 1854." (Appendix No. 47.)

Mr. Butler

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The first section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property on Bedford street, from Eighteenth to Twentieth streets ; also on Shippen street, from Eighteenth to Twentieth streets ; also on Nineteenth street, from South to Fitzwater streets ; be authorised to pave the same, under the supervision of the Department of Highways. Provided, That this City shall be at no expense for the said paving, except for the grading of the said streets and for the paving of the intersections. And provided also, That the water pipes be first laid therein.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they had passed the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, About one-sixth of the term of the present Councils has elapsed, and some of the great interests committed to them have received but little or no attention,

because the two Chambers differ as to whether their Committees shall be joint or separate ;

And whereas, there were, on the 31st of May last, Warrants amounting to six hundred and twelve thousand, four hundred and nineteen dollars and twenty-nine cents, unpaid and unprovided for, and the amount is daily increasing, which proves that the supineness of the Councils is the cause of a grievous wrong, both to the creditors of the City and to the City's credit ;

And whereas, it is evident from the Act of the Legislature of February 2d, 1854, (see Section 10,) which requires the City Treasurer "to verify his cash account, at least once every week, to the satisfaction of a Standing Committee of Councils," that the Committee of Finance, which has the supervision of the Treasurer's Department, was designed by that Act (the Consolidation Act) to be a Joint Standing Committee of both Chambers ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Select Council hereby respectfully solicits the consideration by Common Council, of the grave responsibility resting on the Chambers, because of the delay in complying with the law for the supervision of the Department of the Treasury, and also, in making the provision necessary for the full satisfaction of all the debts due by the City of Philadelphia, and urgently requests, that the Common Council will unite with the Select Council in the appointment of a Joint Committee of Finance, that the important duties usually entrusted to that Committee may no longer continue to be neglected.

Referred to the Special Committee on Rules.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following,

Whereas, the present altitude of the reservoirs at Fairmount is inadequate to produce a sufficient head, and consequent supply of water in elevated localities of our City, there being, in certain parts of the day insufficient force to cause the water to flow from hydrants in some of the upper stories of our houses, while in the upper portions of other of our buildings it will not, for the same reason, flow at any time ;

And whereas, for the same reason, the head or force of water issuing from the fire plugs is insufficient to throw it to a requisite height to extinguish fires without the intervention of steam and other fire engines ;

And whereas, it is an established fact in Hydraulics that if the altitude of the reservoirs was sufficient the before mentioned defects would be removed ;

And whereas, it appears from the report of the Chief Engineer of the Water Works, for 1853, that the entire cost of all the reservoirs at Fairmount has been \$ 133,822, and inasmuch as it is believed that the before contemplated enlargement of the reservoirs can cost but a small additional amount, in no case exceeding the above named sum, and as it appears that it would be subserving true economy to raise or enlarge the reservoirs to such an extent as to dispense entirely with Fire Engines in the extinguishment of Fires, therefore,

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be requested to examine into the feasibility and probable expense of elevating the reservoirs at Fairmount, to a sufficient height to enable water to be thrown upon the highest buildings in the City, in case of fire, by the force alone which it has acquired by reason of the hydrostatic pressure, resulting from the altitude of the reservoirs. Also, into the practicability and cost of elevating only one of the four reservoirs to the before mentioned altitude, so that the same may be used in case of fire alone.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be requested to enquire into the feasibility of constructing fire plugs in future, in such a manner as to enable two or more attachments to be made to the same, or in such a manner as to make the number of attachments in each fire plug to correspond to the area and cubical contents of the main pipe to which it may be attached, and report the same to Councils.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Reed

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be requested to report to this Chamber a plan to avoid the present crossing at grade of the Columbia Rail Road or Bridge street, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways inquire by what cause, and by whom a break was made in the Willow street Culvert, and if caused by the Northern Liberties and Penn Township Rail Road Company. If so, whether the Chief Commissioner of Highways notified said Rail Road Company to repair said break according to law.

And said Committee to examine into into any other matter which may come under their notice, in relation to the danger in which said Culvert is subject to, by the immense weight drawn upon the same, by the Penn Township and Northern Liberties Rail Road Company, and report to Council.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Scofield

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Water be directed to lay the Water Pipe on Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Germantown Road.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Crease

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes, be and he is hereby instructed to refund to the Tax Payers, in that part

of the Twenty-first Ward, which was originally included in the Township of Roxborough, the sum of seventeen cents on the hundred dollars, of the assessed value of the property, the same being the amount assessed for the support of the Blockley Almshouse, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Mr. Crease

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways, be and he is hereby requested to direct the immediate repair of all Pumps at present out of order.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution first offered by him, in relation to making an inquiry into the cause of the break of the Willow Street Culvert.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Read in place a bill, entitled "An Ordinance regulating the election of Officers and Agents, by the Select and Common Councils." (Appendix No. 48.)

Mr. Leech

Read in place a bill, entitled "An Ordinance making an appropriation to pay William M. Evans, Road Damages in certificates of City Debt." (Appendix No. 49.)

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. McMakin

Read in place a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the Washing of Pavements in the thoroughfares of the City."

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance, providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils, approved July 3d, 1854."

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Leech

Moved to postpone, and print for the use of members.

Mr. Findlay

Moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

The officers and members of the Select Council were introduced.

Councils being assembled in Convention,

The President

Announced the object thereof, in accordance with the resolution.

Mr. Miller, of Common Council,

Moved that the Convention proceed to the election of a Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Mr. Leech, of Common Council,

Moved to amend and proceed to the election of a Chief Engineer of the Water Department.

Mr. McCleary, of Common Council,

Rose to a point of order, that the resolution having been passed to elect a Chief Engineer of the Water Department, the Convention could not elect any other officer without a re-consideration of the resolution.

Mr. J. F. Deal

Moved to amend, to proceed in the order of the joint resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Findlay, of Common Council,

Moved to postpone the election of a Chief Engineer of the Water Department for one week.

The Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. Miller, of Common Council, seconded by Mr. Findlay, of Common Council, and being ordered were as follows:

Select Council,

YEAS—Messrs. Cuyler, M'Cay, Roberts, Welsh, and Wharton, President.—5.

Common Council,

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Elliott, Findlay, Ford, Geiss, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Lex, Miller, Northrop, Potter, Porter, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, and Patterson, President.—29.

In all, 34 votes.

Select Council,

NAYS—Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cornman, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Hilles, Kline, Marselis, McWhorter, Mott, Perkins, Verree, Wainwright, and Williams.—16.

Common Council,

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Barber Booth, Borie, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, J. F. Deal

William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Harper, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Recktenwald, Reed, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Vogdes, Winship and Wright.—48.

In all, 64 votes.

Yeas 34. Nays 64.

The motion was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended,

It was agreed to.

On motion,

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Chief Engineer of the Water Department.

The Clerks acting as Tellers, reported that 99 votes had been cast, of which

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Biedeman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, Mott, Williams, and Wharton, President,

12, voted for Samuel Ogden.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright,

48, voted for Samuel Ogden.

In all, 60 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Hilles, M'Cay, M'Whorter, Perkins, Roberts, Verree, Wainwright and Welsh,

9, voted for Frederick Graff.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bromley, B. H. Brown, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Elliott, Findlay, Ford, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kershaw, King, Lex, Mickle, Northrop, Parker, Potter, Reed, Sorver, Vanhorn, and Paterson, President.

29, voted for Frederick Graff.

In all, 38 votes.

Common Council,

Mr. Ridgway,

1, voted for Frederick Erdman.

Samuel Ogden, having received, a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

On motion of

Mr. Owen, of Common Council,

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Chief Commissioner of Highways.

The Clerks acting as Tellers, reported that 89 votes had been cast, of which

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Williams, Welsh and Wharton, President,

14, voted for John McCarthy.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hassinger, Horrocks, Isenminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, McCutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President,

62, voted for John McCarthy.

In all, 76 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Hilles, M'Whorter, Perkins, Roberts, Verrec and Wainwright,

7, voted for Thomas Birch.

Common Council,

Messrs. Barber, B. H. Brown, King, Parker and Ridgway.

5, voted for Thomas Birch.

In all, 12 votes.

Common Council,

Mr. Reed,

1, voted for George Myers.

John McCarthy, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Commissioner of City Property.

The Clerks, acting as Tellers, reported that 83 votes had been cast, of which

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Haggerty, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Williams, and Wharton, President,

13, voted for Eugene Ahern.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hassinger, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President,

58, voted for Eugene Ahern.

In all, 71 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Hilles, M'Whorter, Perkins, Roberts and Verree,

6, voted for George J. Hamilton.

Common Council,

Messrs. Barber, B. H. Brown, King, Mickle, Parker, and Ridgway,

6, voted for George J. Hamilton.

In all, 12 votes.

Eugene Ahern having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to the election of the two Commissioners of Highways.

The Clerks acting as Tellers, reported that 76 votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, Mott, Williams and Wharton, President.

11, voted for Thomas McCollough and Emanuel Street.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Cath-erwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Fidler, Geiss, Hassinger, Horrocks, Is-
minger, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O' Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President,

55, voted for Thomas McCollough and Emanuel Street.

In all, 66 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Hilles and Verree,

3, voted for George Myers.

Common Council,

Messrs. Barber, Booth, B. H. Brown, Harper, King, and Parker,

6, voted for Georeg Myers,

In all, 9 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, M^cWhorter and Roberts,

3, voted for Charles McCowan.

Common Council,

Messrs. Barber, Booth, B. H. Brown, Harper, King,
and Parker,

6, voted for Charles McCowan.

In all, 9 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hilles, M^cWhorter, Roberts and Verree,

4, voted for Frederick Emhardt.

Thomas McCullough and Emanuel Street having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected.

The President

Announced the result of the meeting in Joint Convention.

The Convention then adjourned, and Select Council retired.

The question recurring on Mr. Findlay's motion to postpone indefinitely the consideration of the bill, from Select Council, relative to Joint Standing Committees.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Findlay,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, Abr^m Baker, Bevan, Boller, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Burnell, Butler, Catherwod, Crease, Elliot, Findlay, Ford, Geiss, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Lex, Miller, Northrop,

Potter, Porter, Reed, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson and Vanhorn.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Barber, Booth, Borie, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Harper, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, McCutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Recktenwald, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Snyder, Vogdes, Winship and Wright.

Yeas 32. Nays. 44.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Welsh

Moved a call of the Chamber.

The Roll was called, and the Clerk reported forty-one members present, viz :

Messrs. A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Booth, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Findlay, Harper, Hassinger, Horrocks, Jackson, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, Reed, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President,

A quorum of members not being present,

On motion of

Mr. Leech,

The Messenger was dispatched to bring in absentees.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Leech,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Brouse, William Deal,[^] Kershaw, Melloy, Monaghan, Porter and Stevenson.

NAYS.—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Booth, M. C. Brown, Butler, Dutton, Findlay, Harper, Horrocks, King, Leech, Mascher, Mickle, McManus, Owen, Parker, Potter, Reed, Robb, Seofield, Slocum, Sorver, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 7. Nays 26.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, July 7th, 1856.

Council met pursuant to the following call:

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
July 3, 1856.

HON. W. C. PATTERSON,

President of Common Council:

Dear Sir:—Please call a meeting of Council for Monday afternoon next, for the purpose of considering the Ordinance making appropriation to the Public Schools and for other purposes.

ISAAC LEECH, JR.
ROB'T. V. BARBER,
RICH'D. PARKER,
HENRY T. KING,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
EDWIN BOOTH,
JOHN McMAKIN,
W. S. WINSHIP,
THOS. POTTS,
G. W. SCHOFIELD,
JESSE T. VOGDES,
M. C. BROWN,
JOHN F. MASCHER.

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.,

Clerk of the Common Council,

Will please call a special meeting of Common Council for Monday afternoon next at 3 o'clock, in accordance with the within requisition.

W. C. PATTERSON,
President.

Present, .

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,

Messrs. Bevan,
Booth,
Brown, M. C.

Messrs. Burnell,	Messrs. Murphy,
Catherwood,	McCleary,
Davis,	McMakin,
Deal, William,	O'Neill,
Doughtery,	Owen,
Dutton,	Parker,
Findlay,	Potter,
Fitler,	Porter,
Geiss,	Recktenwald,
Hagner,	Ridgway,
Hassinger,	Robb,
Iseminger,	Roberts, C. B.,
Kelly,	Roberts, Spencer,
Leech,	Schofield,
Lex,	Sorver,
Mascher,	Stevenson,
Mecutchen,	Vogdes,
Melloy,	Welsh,
Miller,	Winship,
Monaghan,	Patterson, President.

Mr. Henry

Submitted the following :

The undersigned submits as a point of order,

That the present meeting has not been convened in accordance with the Rules adopted by this Council for its government, the notice for such meeting not having been issued at least one day previous to the time of meeting, and because in the notice the import of the business on which members have been convened is not inserted, and because such meeting has been called "at the Independence Hall," and not in the Council Chamber.

ALEXANDER HENRY.

The President

Ruled that the points of order were well taken.

Mr. King

Presented the following appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The Chair having decided that the body now in session have not convened legally as the Common Council, the undersigned appeal from that decision.

HENRY T. KING,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

Mr. Findlay

Was called to the Chair, and after some discussion '

The question being "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained,"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Bradford, and being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Burnell, Catherwood, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, O'Neill, Recktenwald, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver and Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Crease, Davis, King, Leech, Mascher, McManus, Owen, Parker, Porter, Spencer Roberts, Vogdes and Winship.

Yeas 36. Nays 16.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 10th, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Lecch,
Baird,	Lex,
Baker, A. J.	Lindsay,
Baker, Abraham,	Marsh,
Barber,	Martin,
Bevan,	Mascher,
Booth,	Mecutchen,
Borie,	Melloy,
Boyle,	Miller,
Bradford,	McCleary,
Bremer,	McMakin,
Brown, M. C.	McManus,
Brownholtz,	McNeal,
Brouse,	Northrop,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Catherwood,	Owen,
Crease,	Parker,
Deal, J. F.,	Potter,
Deal, William,	Porter,
Dougherty,	Recktenwald,
Dutton,	Reed
Findlay,	Robb,
Ford,	Roberts, C. B.,
Hagner,	Roberts, Spencer,
Harper,	Roberts, T. J.,
Hassinger,	Slocum,
Henry,	Snyder
Holman,	Sorver,
Horrocks,	Stevenson,
Jackson,	Vanhorn,
Kelly,	Vogdes,
Kershaw,	Welsh,
King,	Winship,
Patterson, President.	

Mr Catherwood

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal of last meeting

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal of the special meeting, held July 7th.

Agreed to.

Mr. Lindsay

Presented a petition from owners of property in First Ward, asking that Gas Pipe may be laid on Shippen street from Broad to Seventeenth.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Also,

One from property holders on Prime street, west of Twenty-third, First Ward, asking for repairs to a Pump.

Mr. Miller

One from agents and owners of property on Shippen street, between Seventeenth and Twentieth streets, asking the privilege of paving the same.

Also,

One from John Wise, asking permission to make a Drain upon his property, at the corner of Market and Parke streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Mr. Robb

One from owners of property on Bedford street, between Eighteenth and Twentieth streets, Shippen street, between Seventeenth and Twentieth streets, and Nineteenth street, from South to Fitzwater streets, asking permission to pave the same.

Mr. Jackson

One of like import from property holders on Girard Avenue Market, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Mr. McManus

One from property owners on Dauphin street, from Gaul to West street, asking that the sidewalks may be paved and curbed.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

One from owners of property on Mechanics street, between George and Culvert streets, asking repairs to the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Kelly

Presented a petition from Citizens and Tax Payers of the City, asking for a repeal of the "Supplement to the Ordinance licensing and regulating Pawnbrokers."

Mr. Welsh

Presented a bill from Levi Fort, for indexing Assessors Book.

Mr. Potter

Presented a petition from David Ellis and George H. Hart, asking for the payment of the amount awarded by the Jury of Damages.

The President

Presented a bill from John Trinkle, for Binding, &c.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Presented a petition from the Union Fire Company, of Rising Sun, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Mascher

One of like import from the Northern Liberty Hose Company.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Vanhorn

One from property holders on Washington street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that Water Pipe may be laid.

Mr. Jackson

One of like import from property owners on Girard Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Mr. Borie

One of like import from owners of property on Pine street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water.

The President

Presented a communication from the City Treasurer, relating to his investments in the Sinking Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Select Council

Informed that they had adopted a Report approving of the securities offered by the Regulators and Surveyors from the Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, and Twelfth Districts.

Also,

A resolution approving of the sureties of J. H. Fisler, Agent of the Girard Estates, John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways and Emanuel Street and Thomas McCollough, Commissioners of Highways.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Presented a communication from Hon. Richard Rush, declining the office of Director of the Girard College.

Mr. Mascher

A communication from William Saffin, Keeper of the Debtor's Apartment, asking for an appropriation for repairs.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of considering Bill No. 14, Common Council File, to make an appropriation for the use of the Debtor's Apartment of the County Prison.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report, with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make appropriations to the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 50.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Baird

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Landings, &c.

Submitted a Report, with a Resolution authorising the Superintendent of Public Wharves and Landings, to have the Dock at the foot of Walnut street cleaned. (Appendix No. 51.)

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a Report, with a Resolution, authorising the Chief Commissioner of Highways to continue the grading of Parke street. (Appendix No. 52.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Also,

A report, with a resolution, authorising the owners of property on Pritchett street, in the First Ward, and Apple street, in the Nineteenth Ward, to have the same paved. (Appendix No. 53,)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Also,

A report in reference to the claim of Lane Schofield, for constructing a culvert in the late District of Penn. (Appendix No. 54.)

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The President

Presented a communication from Frederick Graeff, Chief Engineer of the Water Department, in reference to the condition of the Dam at Fairmount.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Winship

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Submitted the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the quarter, ending June 30th, 1856. (Appendix No. 55.)

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Winship

Moved there be five hundred additional copies printed.

Agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Surveyors be requested to examine and report to Council the condition and the best plan for the early completion of the Bridge over Mill Creek, at Walnut street, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be requested to furnish Common Council with a statement of the amount received by him from all sources, for account of the Commonwealth, and not accounted for to this date.

Read twice and agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Girard College, be directed to prepare and report to the Common

Council on or before the first day of September next ensuing, a full and detailed statement of all the financial matters relating thereto, from the time when the Bequests of Stephen Girard came into the possession of the City of Philadelphia, until the first day of July, 1856, particularly stating how much money has been received, from whom, and at what times, how the same has been invested, paid out or otherwise disposed of, and to whom, and at what times, how much, if any has been lost, by bank failures, depreciations of stocks, or embezzlement, and by whom, and at what times such losses have occurred.

The said statement to embrace a particular account of all monies paid for the construction of the College, and its adjuncts, salaries paid to officials, and other employees, (with the nature of their services described,) and generally a minute debit and credit account of the entire financial transactions of the Board of Directors, or other management of the Girard Bequests, from the date of their reception to the aforesaid date of July first, 1856.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the property owners or a majority thereof, on Eighteenth street, from Shippen to Prime streets, be and they are hereby authorized to have said street paved, provided that the same shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and provided further, that the City shall be at no expense for the same, except for the intersection thereof.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 4, Select Council File, establishing the Department of Highways,

Upon which the Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, Barton, Booth, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, and Winship.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Ford, Geiss, Henry, Hubbard, Kershaw, King, Lex, Lindsay, Murphy, Reed, Spencer Roberts, Slocum, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 37. Nays 22.

Not agreed to.

The Mayor's Clerk

Was introduced and presented the following communication :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, July 10th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—On the 7th inst. I approved and signed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Fifty-seven Cents,

to George W. McMahon, Register of Water for the City of Philadelphia."

Also, on this day the 10th inst. I approved and signed the following joint resolution, viz:

"A Resolution to direct the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with Water, to cause certain Water Pipes to be laid."

Very Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to suspend the order of the day, to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 9, Common Council File, organizing the Department for supplying the City with Water.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Boyle and Kelly,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Barton, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Hubbard, Kelly, Marsh, Mascher, Mecutchen, McMakin, Porter, Robb, Snyder, Sorver and Welsh.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Butler, Crease, Holman, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lindsay, Melloy, Murphy, McCleary, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Recktenwald, Reed, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Slocum, Stevenson, Vogdes and Patterson, President.

Yeas 26. Nays 22.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the Taxes re-

ceived by the City Treasurer, on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a Culvert."

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A resolution to direct the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to cause certain water pipes to be laid.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the resolutions reported by Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, admitting the Diligent Hose Company, Moyamensing Hose Company, and Washington Engine Company into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 56.)

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Borie,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Crease, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Reed, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS.—Messrs. Barton, Catherwood, J. F. Deal,

Henry, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Mecutchen, Murphy, Parker, Potter, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 44. Nays 14.

It was agreed to.

The resolution admitting the Diligent Hose Company, was read a second time, and

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved the adoption of the resolution admitting the Moyamensing Hose Company to the Fire Department.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and Parker.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Geiss, Hassinger, Iseminger, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Porter, Slocum, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Booth, Bremer, Butler, Catherwood, Findlay, Fidler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Mecutchen, Mickle, Northrop, Parker, Potter, Recktenwald, Reed, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 33. Nays 33.

Not agreed to.

The resolution admitting the Washington Engine Company into the Fire Department,

Was read a second time, and

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the resolution admitting the West Philadelphia Hose Company, Good Intent Hose Company, Hope Hose Company, and Mount Airy Engine Company, to the Fire Department.

Agreed to.

The resolutions were severally read and adopted.

Mr. Reed

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the resolution from Select Council, authorizing the payment of the Ninth and Tenth instalments of subscription to the North Western Rail Road Company.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of bill No. 14, Select Council File, "Making an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania."

Agreed to.

The first section being under consideration, after considerable discussion,

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved the previous question.

The call was sustained by the following members rising in their places, viz: Messrs. Crease, Spencer Roberts, Bevan, Mickle, Bremer, Parker, Jackson, Sorver, Bradford Leech, Slocum and Mecutchen.

The question being "Shall the main question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The main question being on the adoption of the first and only section.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Bremer.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Barber, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Butler, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Ford, Harper, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Jackson, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lex, Marsh, Melloy, Mickle, Murphy, McCleary, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, Reed, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Vogdes and Winship.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Boyle, Bremer, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Kelly, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Miller, Northrop, O'Neill, Recktenwald, C. B. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

Yeas 42. Nays 23.

It was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved that the vote be reconsidered, in order to consider the Preamble attached to the Bill.

Agreed to.

The Preamble and Section was then agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, "To provide for the payment of a certain Judgment

received by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, against the City of Philadelphia," reported the Ordinance as committed and recommended its adoption. ;

Mr. Hagner

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

First Section and Second Section were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Miller

Called attention of Council to an error in the Journal of July 3d, and moved that a Committee of three be appointed to supervise the same.

Agreed to.

Messrs. Miller, Henry, and Leech, were appointed the Committee.

Mr. Owen,

Chairman of the Special Committee on Rules,

On leave being granted, submitted a report.
(Appendix No. 57.)

Mr. Mecutchen,

Chairman of the Committee on Cash Account of the City Treasurer,

Submitted a report. (Appendix No. 58.)

Mr Hagner,

From the Committee on Finance,

To whom was referred the resolution from Select

Council, approving certain sureties, reported the same as committed and recommend its adoption. (Appendix No. 59.)

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Leech

Moved to proceed to the consideration of bill No. 19, Common Council File, "To provide for the payment of the balance due for the building of a Culvert in Thompson street.

Agreed to.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend by striking out in the First Section "Three Thousand and Eighty-two Dollars and Sixty-nine Cents," and insert "Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four Dollars and Forty-six Cents."

Not agreed to.

The first and second sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to proceed to consideration of Bill No. 14, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation for the use of the Debtors' Apartment of the County Prison."

Agreed to.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next meeting.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Findlay

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Finance.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Winship,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Crease, Findlay, Harper, Hassinger, Horrocks, Northrop, Potter, Reed, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Booth, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Ford, Iseminger, Jackson, Kershaw, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, Porter, Snyder, Vogdes and Winship.

Yeas 14. Nays 28.

A quorum not being present, it was
Not agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to Adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 17th, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,

Messrs. Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Robb,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,
Slocum,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,

Patterson, President.

The Journal of last meeting was read.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day to present a preamble and resolution in relation to an accident on the North Pennsylvania Rail Road.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Presented the following :

Whereas, an Accident has this day occurred on the North Pennsylvania Rail Road, causing the death of Thirty-nine Residents, and the maiming of Seventy-five more of Citizens of Philadelphia, by the alleged recklessness of the Conductor of the Train, therefore,

Resolved, That a Joint Committee of Three, be appointed to inquire into the cause of the Accident, and report to Councils the expediency of reporting an Ordinance, to prevent a recurrence of the same in the City of Philadelphia.

The resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a petition from Citizens of the Fifth Precinct, Second Ward, asking that the place of holding the elections may be changed.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Baird

Presented a communication from James Simpson and Neil, asking for the extension of the Delaware Wharf Line.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Wardens, relating to the wharfing of Windmill Island.

Which were referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, &c.

Mr. M. C. Brown

Presented a petition from the Citizens of Sixth Ward, asking for a Fire Plug in Fourth street, above Branch.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. McMakin

A petition from property owners, merchants, and others, asking that Chestnut street, between Delaware Avenue and Water street, may be re-paved and graded.

Mr. Miller

One from owners of property on Bedford street, between Eighteenth and Twentieth streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

One of like import from property owners on Jarvis street, between Jefferson Avenue and Fourth street.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Fifth street, between Canal street and Moyamensing Road.

Also,

One of like import from Citizens residing on Lewis street, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Mr. Fitler

One from property holders on Leopard street, from Otter to Franklin Avenue, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. William Deal

One from owners of property on Lehigh Avenue, between Frankford Road and Front street, asking that the same may be opened and graded.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Craven

Presented a bill from Henry K. Strong, for attendance upon the County Board, in 1854.

Mr. Hagner

A bill from Henry Troemner, for Scales, Beam, &c.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wright

A petition from residents on Ridge Avenue, asking that an Ordinance may be passed, authorizing the laying of Water Pipes therein, between Poplar street and Girard Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Leech

A petition from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking for a re-survey of certain streets.

Mr. Miller

One from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, calling attention to the condition of a Culvert.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Leech

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be, and he is hereby, directed to proceed with the re-survey of the streets in the Twenty-fourth Ward of

the City of Philadelphia, laid out north of Market street and Lancaster Avenue, east of Thirty-fifth street, and south of Bridge street, as provided in the 18th Section of the Supplement to the Act of Consolidation, approved May 13, 1856, provided, that the expense of said re-survey shall not be a charge upon, or be met by the City of Philadelphia.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Presented a communication from the City Commissioners, asking for an appropriation to pay the Rent of the Adelphi Buildings.

Also,

A communication from the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, asking for an appropriation for repairs to the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Presented a communication from the Board of Health, referring to certain un-paved streets,

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Mr Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To whom was referred the Ordinance from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of State Taxes, received by the City Treasurer, on property, in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." reported the same as committed and ask its adoption. (Appendix No. 60.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same,

Agreed to.

The first and second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Submitted a report with a resolution, authorising the Chief Engineer to cause water pipes to be laid in Ann street, from Ridge Avenue to Nineteenth street. (Appendix No. 61.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a resolution providing that the Work Shop in Cherry street, belonging to the Department of Water Works, be raised an additional story and a new roof placed on the same. (Appendix No. 62.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution (Appendix No. 37.) reported by Committee on Water

Works, "To direct the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, to cause certain water pipes to be laid.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

To whom was referred the petition for paving certain streets, made a report with a resolution favorable to paving the same. (Appendix No. 63.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "paving," wherever it occurs "and grading," and after the word "pave," wherever it occurs "and paving."

Agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was read twice and adopted.

Select Council informed,

That they had received a report from the Committee on Surveys and Regulations, with a resolution, which Select Council have passed, "To change the name of Callowhill street from Twenty-third, to Forty-fourth streets."

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

That they have passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to effect uniformity in numbering houses,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to its consideration.

Not agreed to.

It was then referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

“An Ordinance for the construction of a certain Culvert.”

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a Report, with an Ordinance “For the construction of a certain Drain.” (Appendix No. 64.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

To whom was referred the resolution in relation to widening Wissahickon street, reported favorably to the same. (Appendix No. 65.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice, and adopted.

The Mayor's Clerk

Was introduced, and presented the following communication :

MAYORS OFFICE,
Philadelphia, July 17, 1856

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—It appears proper to invite your attention to the present mode by which the Lighting of the City is managed; under existing Ordinances, the duty of lighting and cleaning the public Lamps is vested in the Trustees of the Gas Works; this is not I conceive the proper authority to charge with this supervision: Light is an element in the preservation of public peace and security; it therefore most appropriately belongs to the Department of Police; inspections of the lights can be accurately made by the officers of the Police District; and it should be directly connected with their official duty; if reports are made to the Executive Department of neglect by those over which it has no control, the remedy may exist, but the power to enforce it is not found where the responsibility is thus sought to be fixed; a divided authority is most detrimental to the public interest. So long as it is a question where the rightful and full exercise of the authoritative control is placed by legislation, confusion and neglect, are created which are with difficulty remedied.

I desire to invite your attention to the subject of Public Lights, at this time, in order to avoid, if possible, special legislation, in regard to it; the mode to regulate it is by a carefully digested system, to meet all its requirements and promptly afford remedies for defects and neglects in its operations; you will permit me therefore most respectfully to suggest the propriety of referreing this subject to the proper Committee, for the purpose of a full investigation, and the report of such an Ordinance for your official action, as will place this branch of municipal affairs on a basis of systematic organization; it is of no importance to me under

what Department the public lighting is placed ; I beg to say most respectfully however, that it is not to be expected that I should be held responsible before the public for the proper management of those municipal regulations, over which I have no effective control, to apply remedies daily invoked by our Citizens.

This occasion is taken to transmit extracts from the daily reports to this Department, of the condition of the public lights in some portions of the City.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

June 16, Lamps on Diamond street, not lighted.

“ “ Montgomery street, between Front
and Second streets, not lighted, and
in very bad condition.

Lamp Post, front of 318 Chestnut street, broken,

June 18, Lamp S. E. corner Ninth and Spruce sts., broken.

“ Spruce above Ninth street, “

“ S. E. cor. 13th and Spruce sts., light “

“ Spruce st. west of Broad, top & side “

“ “ “ Pratt street, “

“ Spruce and 17th street, broken and dirty.

“ “ street, west of 17th street, broken
and in bad condition.

Lamp, Spruce st. S. E. cor. of 18th st. broken.

“ “ east of Twentieth street, “

“ “ S. E. corner of Twentieth
street, broken and dirty.

Lamp, Spruce street and Twenty-second street,
out of order.

Lamp, Spruce street and Twenty-third street,
out of order.

- June 19, Little Washington and Broad streets and Thirteenth street, shamefully lighted.
- June 21, Lamps, corner Penn and Twelfth streets, out of order.
Lamp, corner William and Clay streets, broken.
“ “ “ “ Factory “ “
Many broken and out of order.
- June 26, Lamp, Washington and Swanson streets, broken.
Jefferson Avenue, 2 Lamps broken.
Washington Market, 3 “ “
“ and Second sts., 1 Lamp broken.
- June 28, Lamp, S. W. cor. Beach and Pine sts., broken.
“ “ “ “ “ a small st. “
“ S. E. “ “ “ Meredith st. “
“ N. W. “ “ “ South sts., “
and all to pieces.
Lamp, Third street, below Arch, useless for a long time.
- July 1, Lamps look as though they had not been cleaned for last six months.
Citizens complaining of condition of Lamps.
Lamp, S. W. corner Front & Mead sts., broken.
- July 7, Lamp, corner Morris & King sts., out of order.
- July 8, Lamp, S. E. corner Twenty-second and Pine streets, out of order.
Lamp, corner 22nd and South streets, broken.
“ South street, east of 22nd streets, “
- July 10, Lamp, Twelfth and Warren streets, broken.
“ Locust and Juniper “ “
Lamp Post, 30 North Third street, in gutter four or five weeks.

July 10, Lamp, 525 North Eighth street.

Ninth and Poplar.

“ “ Coates.

Ninth and Melon.

“ “ Washington.

Seventh and Wallace.

Eighth “ “

“ below “

“ and Spring Garden streets,
in very dirty condition.

Lamp, Broad and Pine streets, broken.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Holman

Chairman of the Committee on Printing,

Submitted a Report with a Bill, entitled “An Ordinance directing the manner of procuring the Printing and Stationery, for the City of Philadelphia.” (Appendix No. 66.)

Laid on the table.

Select Council

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on Finance, with a resolution, approving of the sureties of Eugene Ahern, Commissioner of City Property.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council, “For the construction of a certain Culvert.”

Agreed to.

The first and only section was read, and

Agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Miller

Chairman of the Special Committee. to revise the Journal of July Third,

Submitted a report, with the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Journal of Common Council, of the meeting of July 3d, be amended, by striking out all that portion of it commencing with the words "The question recurring," on page 185, and ending with the words "Not agreed to," where they first occur on page 186.

Read twice, and adopted.

Mr. Sorver

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report adverse to the payment of certain Claims, with a resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 67.)

Resolution read twice and agreed to.

Also,

A report favorable to the payment of certain Claims, with a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation, for the purposes therein mentioned." (Appendix No. 68.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Elliott

Offered the following resolution,

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby, directed to report to Common Council, at the next stated meeting, the expense of cleansing the Second District for each and every two weeks from the 20th of March last to the 10th inst. and also to report the

amount of money received from the sale of the dirt collected from the streets, within the above mentioned dates.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Borie

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of bill No. 14, Common Council File "Making an appropriation for the Debtors Apartment of the County Prison."

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the first section.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Miller,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Ford, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, and Wright,

NAYS.—Messrs. Barber, Butler, Craven, Elliott, Findlay, Hagner, Harper, Horrocks, Hubbard, King, Marsh, Mecutchen, Parker, Scofield, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 50. Nays 15.

It was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of Bill No. 4, Common Council File, "To re-organize the Department of City Commissioners."

Agreed to.

The first eight sections were read and agreed to.

The ninth section being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out "Commissioners," in the first line, and insert "Board of Revision."

Mr. Leech

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 12, Select Council File, "To re-organize the Police Department."

Mr. Henry

Moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Police.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a resolution, requesting his Honor, the Mayor, to return to Councils, the supple-

ment to the ordinance, to provide for the lighting of the Public Lamps, &c.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Also,

That they had passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the Claim of Lane Schofield."

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

That they had passed "An Ordinance to provide for the opening of certain streets."

Referred to the Committee on Highways,

Also,

That they had passed "An Ordinance, relating to the attendance of Police Magistrates at the Mayor's Office."

Referred to the Committee on Police

Also,

That they had passed "An Ordinance, providing for the payment of a Claim of T. W. Higgins, Esq."

Referred to the Committee on Finance,

Also,

A resolution, authorizing the paving of Bedford street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to consideration of Bill No. 24, Common Council File, to regulate the Election of Officers and Agents by the Select and Common Councils.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading of the same, by its Title.

Agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the Bill passed.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, (Appendix No. 52.) authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to continue the grading of Parke street, Twenty-second Ward.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend, by inserting after the word "authorize," "and ascertain the cost," and after the word "Ward," add "report the same to Councils."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Schofield

Moved to amend, by adding to end of same, "Provided the whole cost would not exceed Five Hundred Dollars."

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend the amendment by striking out "\$ 500," and insert "\$ 650."

Agreed to.

The resolution as amended, was agreed to.

Mr. Northrop,

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That copies of all the printed matter prepared for Councils, be regularly sent by the Clerks of

Councils, to the Law Department, and Department of Surveys, as soon after the Printing thereof, as is practicable.

Read twice and agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the Bill from Common Council entitled "An Ordinance regulating the Elections of Officers and Agents by the Select and Common Councils," with the following amendment, viz: to strike out in the second line of section first, "for Officers and Agents," and in the Title to strike out "the," after the word "regulating," and insert the letter "s" after "Election," making it read "Elections," and strike out of the Title the words "of Officers and Agents."

Common Council concurred.

Mr. McCleary

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways, be instructed to open Columbia street, from Cadwallader to Seventh street, so far as the property has been paid for.

Read twice, and adopted.

Mr. Leech

Read in place "An Ordinance, to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller

Read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance, Supplementary to an Ordinance, relating to the Clerks and Messengers of Councils, passed May 5th, 1855."

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Northrop

Presented for Himself, and Mr. Findlay, the following communication:

The undersigned voted against the passage of an Ordinance, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Public Schools in said District, for the year 1856, approved March 31, 1856," because the appropriations embraced in this Supplement are for an increase of the Salaries of Teachers, not included in the estimates of the expenses of the School Department, for the year 1856, presented to Councils by the Board of Controllers, on which the rate of taxation for the present year was based, and because said Supplement is in violation of the spirit of the 39th Section of the Consolidation Law.

JOHN K. FINDLAY,
GEORGE NORTHRUP.

July 10th, 1856.

Mr. Henry

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to consider the Resolution, (Appendix No. 51,) authorizing the cleaning of the Docks, at the foot of Walnut street.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Offered the following:

Resolved, That Common Council will meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 21st, 22d, and 23d days of this month, and if Select Council concur, the stated meetings of July 31st and August 7th, 14th, and 21st, shall be dispensed with.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

The following communication was received from his Honor the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, July 17, 1856.

To the President and Members of Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—The Authorities of the Cities of Cleveland, Portland, and Boston, have presented to the City of Philadelphia, handsomely bound and decorated copies of the several Ordinances, and the Municipal Regulations of their respective Cities.

The receipt of these tokens of Municipal courtesy has duly been acknowledged by me, and I present the subject to your notice, in order that some suitable action may be taken, if you deem it proper, on this subject.

Respectfully,
RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Resolution, relating to the proper observance of the 4th of July.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 24th, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Kershaw,
Baird,	King,
Baker, Abraham,	Leech,
Barber,	Lindsay,
Bevan,	Martin,
Booth,	Melloy,
Borie,	Miller,
Boyle,	Monaghan,
Bromley,	Murphy,
Brown, Benjamin H.	McCleary,
Brown, M. C.	McMakin,
Brownholtz,	McManus,
Brouse,	McNeal,
Butler,	Northrop,
Catherwood,	O'Neill,
Crease,	Owen,
Deal, William,	Parker,
Dougherty,	Potter,
Dutton,	Porter,
Elliott,	Recktenwald,
Fitler,	Robb,
Ford,	Roberts, Spencer,
Hagner,	Roberts, T. J.,
Harper,	Schofield,
Hassinger,	Slocum,
Henry,	Snyder,
Holman,	Sorver,
Horrocks,	Stevenson,
Hubbard,	Vogdes,
Iseminger,	Winship,
Kelly,	Patterson, President.

The Roll was called,

And a quorum of members being present,

The Clerk

Proceeded with the reading of the Journal.

Mr. Schofield

. Moved to dispense with the reading thereof.

Mr. Northrop

Objected, and the Clerk proceeded.

Mr. O'Neil

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the Journal.

Mr. Northrop

Objected, and the Clerk continued.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to correct the Journal on page 223, in the fourth line, by striking out "Culvert," and insert "Drain."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to further amend the Journal on page 227, so that the Bill "to regulate the Elections of Officers and Agents, by the Select and Common Councils," be made to read "that the same was read a second time and considered."

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to re-consider the vote just taken.

Agreed to.

Mr. Crease

Moved to amend the Journal on page 227, as follows : insert "second reading and " before the word "consideration," in the third line, also, insert after the words "agreed to," where it first occurs

"The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed."

And strike out the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth lines.

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Presented a petition from property holders in the Eighteenth Ward, asking that alteration may be made in certain Lamps.

Mr. Vogdes

A petition from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that Public Lamps may be placed in certain streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Potter

One from owners of property on Virginia street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, asking that Water Pipes may be laid therein.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. McManus

One from Owners of Property on Almond street, between York and Cumberland streets, in the 19th Ward, asking that the same may be Curved and Paved.

Mr. Miller

One of like import from Citizens, Owners of Property on Barlow street, between Wharton and Reed street, in the First Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Crease

One from Citizens of Twenty First Ward, asking for an Appropriation to rebuild or repair a School House, and to vest the Trust of the same in the Board of Controllers.

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Hagner

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To whom was referred the resolution from Select Council, approving of the Sureties of Eugene Ahern, Commissioner of City Property, also the Sureties of the Surveyors and Regulators of the Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, and Twelfth Districts, submitted a report with a Resolution approving of the same. (Appendix No. 69.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report adverse to the Petition of certain Omnibus Proprietors, asking a reduction in the charge for Licences, with a resolution, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 70.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report relative to the communication from William Saffin, Keeper of the Debtors apartment, asking for an appropriation for repairs, &c., with a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 71.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report adverse to the application of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for an appropriation of \$ 14,272 10. (Appendix No. 72.)

With a resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was twice read and adopted.

Also,

A report adverse to an appropriation to pay Morris, Tasker & Morris, for Hot Water Heating Apparatus, for the Hancock and James Pollock Public Schools. (Appendix No. 73.)

With a resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Boyle and Hagner.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lindsay, Martin, Meeutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Winship and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Barber Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Ford, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, McManus, Parker, Potter, Spencer Roberts and Schofield.

Yeas 47. Nays 12.

Agreed to.

Mr. Butler

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works.

To which was referred the resolution from Select Council, requesting his Honor the Mayor, to return the Bill "To provide for Lighting the Public Lamps" submitted a report adverse, and advising Council not to concur in the same. (Appendix No. 74.)

Laid on the table

Mr. Miller

Chairman of the Committee on Highways.

To which was referred the communication of William Duncan, asking a reduction of his Bill for Paving and Curbing Footways, in Seventh below Poplar streets, submitted a report that they had no jurisdiction over the same. (Appendix No. 75.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A report with a resolution to authorize the Paving of Certain streets, in the First and Sixteenth Wards. (Appendix No. 76.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller

Chairman of the Committee on Highways.

To which was referred the resolution from Select Council, authorizing the owners of property on Bedford street, from Broad street to Twentieth street, and on Shippen street, from Eighteenth to Twentieth streets, and on Nineteenth street, from South to Fitzwater streets, to pave the same ; submitted a report recommending the adoption of the Resolution, with an amendment. (Appendix No. 77.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended,

It was adopted.

Mr. Miller

Also, reported as committed "An Ordinance from Select Council, providing for the construction of a Culvert on Twelfth street, between Washington and Wallace streets, in the Fourteenth Ward," and recommended its adoption. (Appendix No. 78.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Baird

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Landings,

Submitted a report, with a resolution, authorizing the Superintendant of Wharves and Landings to have Pine street Dock on the Delaware cleaned. (Appendix No. 79.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

The following communications were received from the Mayor.

MAYORS OFFICE,
Philadelphia, July 21, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:

The views contained in my communication, transmitted to you on Thursday last, July 17th, remaining unchanged, "A Supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to provide for Lighting the Public Lamps, approved Dec. 30th, 1854," is returned without my approval.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, July 24, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

A communication has been received from his Honor, Wilson Laird, the Mayor of Erie, in behalf of the authorities of that city, inviting a Committee from the Select and Common Councils, of this city to be present at the breaking of ground of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road. This occasion will be one of great interest, and I present this subject for your consideration and action.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia. July 24, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :

On the 21st inst. I approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz :

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regulating Elections by Select and Common Councils."

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of State Taxes received by the City Treasurer, on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

The President

Submitted a communication from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, in answer to a resolution of Common Council, enquiring the expense of Cleaning the Second District, from the 20th of March last, to the

10th inst. and the amount of money received from the sale of dirt collected within the aboves dates.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A Communication from Residents on Locust street, between Ninth and Tenth, representing an open Lot at the corner of said street, and Raspberry Alley to be a Nuisance, and asking that the same may be enclosed.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

A Statement from the City Treasurer, of the amount received by him from all sources, for account of the Commonwealth and not accounted for to date.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Communication from the Guardians of the Poor, asking for an appropriation for out Door Relief, and Salaries of Officers.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Communication from John M. Crossland, in reference to the City Ice Boat.

Referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Also,

A Communication from Charles C. Wilson, Commissioner of Markets, in reference to repairs to Market Houses.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Also,

A Communication from Elizabeth Vandusen, asking to

be released from the lease of the Wharf and Landing, at the foot of Hanover street, in the Eighteenth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Also,

A Communication from the Board of Health, informing Council of a vacancy in the Board occasioned, by the resignation of James Thomas, late member from the Twenty-first Ward.

Laid on the table.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the stated meetings, of Councils which would regularly occur under the Joint Rules of Councils, on the 24th and 31st days of July, inst., be and the same are hereby dispensed with.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The resolution was read a second time, and being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend, by striking out "24th and 31st inst." and insert "7th, 14th and 21st of August."

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to re-consider the vote.

Agreed to.

The Amendment again being under consideration.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 4, Common Council File, "To re-organize the Department of City Commissioners."

Mr. Leech

Called for a division of the question.

The first division, viz: the motion to postpone being under consideration,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Holman.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Barber, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Henry, Kelly, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, Parker, Potter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Stevenson and Winship.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Crease, Dougherty, Elliott, Ford, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Jackson, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Vogdes and Patterson, President.

Yeas 20. Nays 38.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to strike out "7th August," and add "28th August."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to strike out "21st of August," and insert "31st of July."

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended.

Mr. Henry

Offered the following Preamble ;

Whereas the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, are conscious of having fully discharged their duty as Legislators, and have satisfactorily attended to all the interests entrusted to their care, and believe that their Stated Meetings hereinafter referred to can be productive of no public benefit, Therefore

Mr. Winship

Moved to lay the preamble on the table. :

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Harper.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, Barber, Booth, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Crease, William Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Jackson, Kelly, Martin, Mecutchen, Melloy, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Scofield, Stevenson and Winship.

NAYS.—A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Benj. H. Brown, Butler, Harper, Kershaw, King, Leech, Lindsay, Miller, Monaghan, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Porter, Slocum, Snyder, Vogdes and Patterson, President.

Yeas 30. Nays 20.

Agreed to.

The Preamble and Resolution under the decision of the Chair, were

Laid on the table.

Mr. Leech

Moved to proceed with the order of the day, viz: to the consideration of Bill No. 4, Common Council File, to re-organize the Department of City Commissioners.

Agreed to.

The Ninth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Elliott

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Ordinance now under consideration, be referred to the Finance Committee, and that the Committee report to this Council on the power of Councils, to limit the application of the word "Rural," to Districts, designated by Councils as Rural Districts.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Ninth Section.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out "Commissioners" in the first line, and insert "Board of Revision."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to add after the word "Commissioners," in the first line, "in conjunction with the Assessors of the proper Ward."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

A quorum of Members not voting, it was
Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to Adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, July 28th, 1856.

Council met pursuant to the following call.

Philadelphia, July 25th 1856.

WILLIAM C. PATTERSON ESQ.

President of the Common Council.

DEAR SIR:—Please call a meeting of the Common Council for Monday Afternoon next July 28th 1856, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of Considering the Communication from the Mayor, inviting a committee of Council to visit the City of Erie, at the breaking ground on the Sunbury and Erie Railroad.

Very Truly Yours,

ISAAC LEECH, JR.
JESSE T. VOGDES,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
ANDREW MILLER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
JOHN McMAKIN,
ALEXANDER MARTIN,
JOHN PORTER,
FRANCIS McMANUS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
E. BOOTH,
WILLIAM C. KELLY.

JOHN D. MILES, ESQ.

Clerk of Common Council.

Will please call a Special Meeting for Monday Afternoon next, at 3 o'clock, in accordance with the within requisition.

W. C. PATTERSON,
President.

July 25th, 1856.

The Tenth Section was agreed to.

The Eleventh Section being under consideration,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend, by adding after the word "Materials," in the second line, "or order any work done."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out "nor."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Twelfth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Winship

Moved to substitute the following as the 12th Section :

SECTION 12.—That so much of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance, organizing the Department of City Commissioners, &c., approved February 22d, 1855," as places the Court Houses, Buildings and Rooms used for County Purposes, under the charge and care of the City Commissioners, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and they shall hereafter be under the charge of the Commissioner of City Property.

Agreed to.

The Thirteenth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Northrop,

Moved to amend, as follows: after the word "Commissioners," in the third line, add "Provided the same be first directed or ordered by Councils."

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that the further consideration of the Bill be postponed, for the purpose of re-considering the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the Lighting of the Public Lamps," returned by the Mayor, without his signature.

Agreed to.

The Bill being under consideration,

Mr. Butler

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to re-consider the vote by which the order of the day was postponed for the present.

Agreed to.

The amendment offered by Mr. Northrop,

Was agreed to.

The question recurring on the section as amended,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Brown and Barber.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Boyle, Brouse, Dougherty, Hagner, Hassinger, Leech, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum and Vogdes.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, M. C. Brown, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Dutton, Henry, Holman, Jackson, Monaghan, Potter and Patterson, President.

Yeas 17. Nays 11.

The President

Presented the invitation of the Mayor and Councils of the City of Erie, inviting the Councils of the City of Philadelphia, to be present at the Breaking of the Ground, on the Western Division of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road.

Mr. Miller

Asked for the calling of the Roll.

Mr. Parker

Moved that the calling of the Roll be dispensed with.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Inquired of the President if the call of the Roll can be dispensed with.

The President

Decided that Council can dispense with the calling of the Roll.

Mr. Hagner,

On leave granted,

Announced the death of his late colleague, Mr. Benjamin Burnell, member of Common Council from Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. Potter

Offered the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Whereas, Death has removed one of our number, the member from the Fifteenth Ward, Benjamin Burnell, Esq. Although but a short official term was allowed to him, it afforded abundant evidence that he was eminently qualified for his official position.

Resolved, That this body has lost by the death of Benjamin Burnell, member of Common Council from the

Fifteenth Ward, an intelligent, gentlemanly and useful member, to his constituents an able and honorable representative, and the city of Philadelphia one of her worthy citizens.

Resolved, That as a token of our regard and respect the members of this Council will attend the funeral of their late fellow member, Benjamin Burnell, wearing the customary badge of mourning, and that the State House Bell be tolled for one hour at the time of the funeral.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be furnished to the widow and family of our deceased member and friend.

The resolutions, together with the preamble, were twice read and adopted.

Mr. Miller

Moved a call of the house.

The following members answered to their names, viz :

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Iseminger,
Baird,	Jackson,
Baker, Abraham,	Kelly,
Booth,	Leech,
Boyle,	Martin,
Bremer,	Miller,
Brown, M. C.	Monaghan,
Brouse,	McMakin,
Butler,	McManus,
Craven,	McNeal,
Davis,	O'Neill,
Deal, William,	Owen,
Dutton,	Parker,
Elliott,	Potter,
Fitler,	Porter,
Ford,	Roberts, C. B.
Hagner,	Roberts, T. J.,
Harper,	Slocum,
Hassinger,	Sorver,
Henry,	Stevenson,
Holman,	Vogdes,
Horrocks,	Welsh,
	Patterson, President.

The following communication from the Mayor was read.

Erie, Pa., July 24, 1856.

HON. RICHARD VAUX :

Dear Sir:—Yourself and a Committee of the Councils of Philadelphia are invited, as you will observe by the accompanying resolution, to attend the opening of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road, in the city of Erie, on the 2d day of August proximo.

The happening of an event so auspicious to the prosperity both of Philadelphia and Erie, should, as I have no doubt it will, awaken a lively interest in your city, as it has here, in as much as the ultimate construction of this great work will inevitably result in the increase of the wealth, enhancement of the property, and promotion of the general advantages of the two great points it is intended to connect.

We trust that the interest which the people of your city must necessarily feel in the accomplishment of this long deferred enterprise, will induce a large attendance of the authorities of your beautiful city and its inhabitants on that occasion.

Be pleased to communicate to the Councils of the city of Philadelphia this invitation, and accept for yourself and them assurances of respect and esteem.

Yours, Most Respectfully,

WILSON LAIRD,
Mayor of Erie.

The following Resolution was unanimously passed by both branches of the Erie City Councils, July 21st, 1856.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to extend to His Honor the Mayor, and a Committee of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, an invitation to visit Erie, on the commencing of the work on the Western Division of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road.

State of Pennsylvania, }
Erie City, ss. }



I Certify the above Resolution to be a Correct Copy, from the records of Councils.
Witness my hand and the Seal of said City
this 23d day of July, A. D. 1856.

THOMAS MOORHEAD,
Clerk of Select Council.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, respond to the invitation of the City of Erie, to be present at the Breaking of the Ground of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road, by appointing a Committee of Fifteen, to proceed to Erie, and represent the City on so important an occasion.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend by adding at the end of the Resolution, the following Proviso :

Provided, That the City of Philadelphia shall be at no expense, because of the acceptance of the said invitation and the appointment of said Committee.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Stevenson

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Boyle, Bremer, Dutton, Henry, Isenminger, Kelly, Miller, McMakin, Slocum, Sorver and Stevenson.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Boller, Booth, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Craven, Davis, Wm. Deal, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Leech, Martin, Monaghan, McManus, McNeal,

Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Vogdes, Welsh and Patterson, President.

Yeas 12. Nays 21.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to insert after the word "the" in the first line, "Select and."

Mr. Harper

Called the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising, to wit:

Messrs. O'Neill, Parker, Welsh, McMakin, M. C. Brown, T. J. Roberts, Vogdes, Ford, Owen, Holman, Elliott and Booth.

And the question being "Shall the main question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The question being upon the amendment,

It was not agreed to.

And upon the question of agreeing to the resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Stevenson.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Booth, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Craven, Davis, Wm. Deal, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Isenminger, Leech, Martin, Monaghan, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vogdes and Welsh.

NAYS.—Messrs. Boller, M. C. Brown, Henry, Kelly, Miller, McMakin, Sorver, Stevenson and Patterson, Pres't.

Yeas 33. Nays 9.

Upon the call of the name of Mr. Miller, he proposed before the recording of his vote that the following should be entered upon the Journal, to wit:

The undersigned offers and asks leave to enter upon the Journal, the following reasons for his vote against the resolution accepting the invitation of the authorities of the City of Erie, to be present at the Breaking Ground, at the commencement of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road:

First.—He looks upon it as a scheme of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Co., to promote the passage of the Resolution now before Councils, to anticipate the time of payment of the remaining instalments of the subscription by the City, to the stock of that Company.

Second.—He does not intend to vote for the payment of the said instalments, and does not desire to appear in the position of having partaken of the hospitalities of the Company, and afterwards voting against a measure favoring their interests.

ANDREW MILLER.

July 28, 1856.

A quorum not having voted, the President declared the resolution lost.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Council Adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 31st, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Jackson,
Baker, Abraham,	Kelly,
Barber,	King,
Bevan,	Leech,
Boller,	Lex,
Booth,	Lindsay,
Borie,	Miller,
Boyle,	Monaghan,
Bremer,	McMakin,
Brown, M. C.	O'Neill,
Brownholtz,	Porter,
Butler,	Robb,
Crease,	Roberts, Spencer,
J. F. Deal,	Slocum,
Dutton,	Sorver,
Hagner,	Stevenson,
Hassinger,	Welsh,
Henry,	Winship,
Patterson, President.	

There not being a quorum of members present,

Mr. Porter

Moved to adjourn,

Not agreed to.

Mr. Borie

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, and the Clerk reported thirty-six members present, to wit:—

Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Jackson, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, O'Neill, Owen, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Welsh, Winship, and Patterson, President.

A quorum of members not being present,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to,

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, August 5th, 1856.

Council met,—Present.

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Leech,
Baird,	Lex,
Baker. Abraham,	Martin,
Barber,	Mascher,
Barton,	Melloy,
Booth,	Miller,
Boyle,	Monaghan,
Brown, Benjamin H.	McMakin,
Brownholtz,	McManus,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Craven,	Owen,
Deal, J. F.,	Parker,
Deal, William,	Potter,
Dutton,	Porter,
Elliott,	Ridgway,
Geiss,	Robb,
Hagner,	Roberts, Spencer,
Hassinger,	Roberts, T. J.
Henry,	Sorver,
Horrocks,	Stevenson,
Kelly,	Vogdes,
King,	Winship,
	Patterson, President.

The call of the meeting was then read, to wit :

MR. W. C. PATTERSON,

Dear Sir :

You are requested to call a Special Meeting of Common Council, on Tuesday Afternoon next, the 5th inst. at

3 o'clock, to consider the following bills, on Common Council File, viz:

No. 2. A Supplement to an Ordinance regulating the Police Force.

No. 5. An Ordinance establishing a Department of Supplies.

No. 9. A Supplement to an Ordinance, organizing the Department of Supplying the City with Water, approved October, 1854.

No. 17. A Supplement to an Ordinance, approved August, 1854, entitled an Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of City Property.

No. 21. An Ordinance to fix the Lines on the Delaware River.

No. 22. An Ordinance to provide for the cleaning of the Docks on the Delaware and Schuylkill Fronts of the City of Philadelphia.

No. 26. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department of the City.

No. 27. An Ordinance directing the manner of procuring the Printing, Binding and Stationery of the City.

W. S. WINSHIP,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
JOHN G. SNYDER,
PIERCE BUTLER,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
M. A. BOYLE,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
M. C. BROWN,
JOHN McMAKIN,
WILLIAM M. BAIRD,
SAMUEL ROBB,
JOHN WELSH,
CHARLES V. HAGNER.

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.,
Clerk of Common Council.

Will please call a Special Meeting of Common Council, on Tuesday Afternoon next, at 3 o'clock.

W. C. PATTERSON,
President.

July 31st, 1856.

Mr Henry

Moved a call of the house.

The Roll was then called, and forty-two Members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Booth, Boyle, Brownholtz, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Potter Porter, Ridgway, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn,
Not agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to adjourn,
Not agreed to.

The President

Ordered the roll called

When forty-three members answered to their names :
to wit :—

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Booth, Boyle, Brownholtz, Craven, J. F. Deal,

William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Winship, and Patterson, President.

A quorum of members being present,

The President

Stated the first business, in order, to be the consideration of Bill No. 2 Common Council File, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance, approved November 15th, 1855, Regulating the Police Force."

The First section was read.

Mr. Winship

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill, and was proceeding to give his reasons therefor.

Mr. Leech,

Rose to a point of order, viz, "That the question was not debateable."

The President

Decided the point "well taken."

The question recurring on the motion to postpone,

It was not agreed to.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Called for the reading of the third and fourth sections of the "Ordinance to reorganize the Police Department of the City of Philadelphia, approved November 15th, 1855.

Which having been read,

Mr. Leech

Moved to amend by striking out "third and" in the second line.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Miller,

And being ordered, were as follows:

Yeas.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Booth, Elliott, Henry, Leech, Lex, Marsh, Martin, Melloy Monaghan, Owen, Parker, Ridgway, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Vogdes, Winship, and Patterson, President.

Nays.—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Barton, Boyle, Brownholtz, Butler, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Mascher, Miller, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Sorver, and Stevenson.

Yeas 18. Nays 28.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Potter

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and to refer the same to the Committee on Police.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First Section,

It was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to amend by striking out the word "including" in second line, and insert "excluding."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to amend by striking out the words "Four Hundred and Fifty" in the second line, and insert in lieu thereof "Six Hundred."

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "Six Hundred," and insert "Six Hundred and Forty-eight."

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to further amend, by striking out "Six Hundred" and insert "Five Hundred and Twenty-eight."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. T. J. Roberts, and O'Neill,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Miller, O'Neill, Ridgway, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, and Stevenson.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Booth, Boyle, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Marsh, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, Owen, Parker, Potter, Robb, Vogdes, Winship, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 10. Nays 34.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Kelly.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher, and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, Abr'm Baker, Barton, Boyle, Butler, Dutton, Elliott, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Hor-

rocks, Kelly Lex, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Owen, Ridgway and Patterson President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Geiss, Hubbard, King, Leech, Marsh, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Potter, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes and Winship.

Year 19. Nays 23.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to amend by striking out “Four Hundred and Fifty,” and insert “Five Hundred and Fifty.

Mr. Henry

Asked for a call of the house.

The Roll was called, when the Clerk reported that forty-four Members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Booth, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Potter, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Winship and Patterson, President.

And on the question of agreeing to the Amendment of Mr. T. J. Roberts,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Barton, Boyle, Brownholtz, Dutton, Elliott, Geiss, Hagner, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Mascher,

Miller, O'Neill, Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Henry, Hubbard, Leech, Lex, Marsh Melloy, Monaghan, McMakin, Owen, Porter, Vogdes and Winship.

Yeas 21. Nays 20.

A quorum not voting, it was

Not agreed to.

Mr. Elliott

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Barton.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Barton, Craven, Elliott, Henry, Horrocks, Lex, Melloy and Porter.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, Abr'm Baker, Barber, Booth, Boyle, Benj. H. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Leech, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller, Monaghan. McMakin, McManus, Owen, Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Winship and Patterson, President.

Yeas 8. Nays 35.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to strike out "Four Hundred and Fifty," in second line, and insert in lieu thereof, "Five Hundred and Sixty."

Mr. William Deal

Moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "Five Hundred and Sixty," and inserting "Five Hundred."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Mascher.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher, and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barton, Boyle, Brownholtz, Butler, Dutton, Elliott, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Mascher, Miller, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Henry, Hubbard, Lex, Marsh, Martin, Melloy, Monaghan, Owen, Porter, and Vogdes.

Yeas 26. Nays 18.

Agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to amend by striking out "June" in the fourth line, Second Section, and insert "October."

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend the amendment, by striking out October. Inserting in lieu thereof, "January 1857."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to amend the amendment, by striking out October, and inserting in lieu thereof "September."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Baker.

It was agreed to.

The Section as amended was
Agreed to.

The Third Section being under consideration,

Mr. Owen

Moved to strike out "One Sergeant" in the second line, and insert "Two Sergeants."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was
Agreed to.

The Fourth Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Mr. King

Moved to proceed to the third reading and consideration of the bill.

Mr. Parker

Asked a call of the house.

The Roll being called, forty-one members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Baird, Abr'm Baker, Barton, Booth, Boyle, Brownholtz, Butler, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Parker,

Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Winship and Patterson, President.

The President

Presented the following communications from His Honor the Mayor.

Laid on the table.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, July 24th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—The 20th and 21st Sections of the Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, Approved 21st of April 1855, entitled “A supplement to the Act Consolidating the City of Philadelphia,” (See Digest of Laws Page 55,) declare as follows

“SECTION 20. That no contract for the construction of any new Buildings, School House, Bridge, Culvert, new Paving of streets, Redemption of the Tolls of any Turnpike, or Plank Road, to be paid for by the City, shall become binding thereon without an ordinance therefor duly enacted. No contract shall be made by the head of any Department for work or Materials for the City, unless for objects authorized by Councils, and if for new work, the contract and sureties be approved by the City Solicitor and Councils, and the supervision of Councils shall extend to adjudge the character of all work and materials done and furnished for the City, and to the scrutiny of the accounts and vouchers therefor; but such supervision and scrutiny shall in no wise relieve the Controller from the performance of the like duty in respect to such accounts and vouchers.

“SECTION 21. That no appropriation shall be made of the moneys of the said City without an ordinance therefor, expressing the objects thereof, and the amount appropriated for each object. It shall be the duty of the Mayor to keep a register of the amount and objects of all appropriations, and to withhold his signature for all new

Constructions and Redemption of Tolls as aforesaid, until all the interest accruing on the loans of the City, and the principal of those becoming due, and the ordinary and necessary expenses of the City and the administration of justice in the County shall be adequately provided for; and without his signature any ordinance therefor shall not go into effect. It shall be a misdemeanor in office for the Controller of the City to pass, or the Treasurer of the City to pay any bill or order for any object not authorized by Law."

The language and intent of these sections are plain enough to forbid a "new construction" &c., at the public expense until certain prerequisites therein described are complied with. It does not appear, that these antecedent provisions have been so satisfactorily arranged as to permit such ordinances as are thus prohibited to the City Legislature to enact, to have the validity of Laws. The ordinance now under consideration directs that the cost of Constructing this Culvert is to be charged against the Property on either side, at a certain sum per foot. If prompt payment is made by the property holders so charged; by the ordinance of May 3d, 1855, to regulate the manner of Paving Streets, (See Digest of Laws, Pages 443-44.) a deduction of five per centum is to be given therefor by the City. If prompt payment is not made, liens are to be entered against the Property in accordance with the Laws regulating the collection of claims. The mode of payment thus prescribed resolves itself into one of two kinds; either the City pays cash for the work and materials, which sum is raised by general taxation, and if the holders of the local property pay cash, or within a specified time, to the City for the outlay of the public money, the City Treasury loses, and some private individuals gain five per centum on the original cost; or if the owners of property do not pay, the cost and expense as well as the loss of the money from meritorious public creditors, falls on the Public Treasury. In either view a disbursement of public money is contemplated by this ordinance. This disbursement is for a new construction. However anxious I may be to see public improvements encouraged, and carried on, to successful completion, I cannot believe that the plain intention of the

Legislature of the State is to be disregarded. The 21st Section above referred to, enjoins on the Mayor as a duty "to withhold his signature from all new Constructions," and although the object of the present ordinance is small in itself, yet the principle on which it rests is large enough, if sanctioned in one case, to deplete the Public Treasury. The people of Philadelphia expect, that a jealous eye will be kept on the public funds, and that no expenditure will be made, which is not justified by the most powerful necessity, and the clearest and the most unquestionable legal rights.—Much as I regret to differ in opinion with the Councils of the City, I cannot reconcile it to my sense of duty, to give approval to the ordinance, entitled "an ordinance for the construction of a certain Culvert."—It is therefore returned without my signature.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Philadelphia, July 28th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—On the 26th inst. the following Joint Resolutions were approved and signed, viz :

A Resolution directing the Chief Engineer & Surveyor to proceed with the re-survey of certain streets in the 24th Ward.

A Resolution to authorize Property Holders to pave certain streets therein mentioned.

A Resolution directing the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with Water, to cause the Work Shop No. 200 Cherry street to be repaired.

A Resolution authorizing the Paving of certain streets therein named.

A Resolution directing the Department of Surveys to prepare plans of certain Streets in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Wards, &c.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 7th, 1856.

Council met,—Present.

Messrs. Alexander,

Baird,

Baker, A. J.

Baker, Abraham,

Barber,

Barton,

Bevan,

Booth,

Boyle,

Bremer,

Bromley,

Brown, M. C.

Brownholtz,

Brouse,

Catherwood,

Crease,

Craven,

Deal, J. F.,

Deal, William,

Dougherty,

Dutton,

Elliott,

Fitler,

Geiss,

Hagner,

Harper,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Holman,

Horrocks,

Hubbard,

Iseminger,

Messrs. Kelly,

King,

Leech,

Lex,

Marsh,

Martin,

Mascher,

Mecutchen,

Melloy,

Mickie,

Miller,

Monaghan,

Murphy,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

Northrop,

O'Neill,

Owen,

Parker,

Potter,

Porter,

Recktenwald,

Ridgway,

Roberts, T. J.,

Schofield,

Slocum,

Snyder,

Sorver,

Stevenson,

Vogdes,

Winship,

Patterson, President.

Mr. Brownholtz

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Presented a petition from Citizens, asking for the repeal of the Ordinance, fixing the price of Vault permits.

Mr. M. C. Brown,

One from James Otterson, asking for an appropriation to pay a Judgment, obtained by the Estate of Joseph H. Amer, Dec., against the City of Philadelphia.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Boyle,

One from Citizens of Second Ward, asking for a change in the election Divisions of said Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Porter,

A bill from Benner and Dowling, against the Fire Department for hauling Steam Fire Engine at sundry times.

Mr. Craven,

A bill from Collins and Autemieth for Drawings for various Market Houses.

Also,

A communication from William M. Evans, asking for the payment of a claim for damages sustained by the opening of Thirty-fifth street.

Mr. Hassinger,

One of like import,

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Baird

Presented a petition from owners of property on Relief Street, between Lombard and South Streets, and Front and Second Streets, asking that the same may be repaved.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One from Property holders residing on Arryl Street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Streets, south of Coates Street, asking that the same be curved and paved.

Mr. Brownholtz,

One from Citizens of Twenty-first Ward, asking that Tioga Street may be opened to the Township Line Road, a distance of about 170 feet.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from owners of Property on Union Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Mr. Leech,

One from owners of property on Fifty-second Street, from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue, asking the passage of an Ordinance, directing the opening of the same.

Also,

One of like import from owners of Property on Spruce Street, from Mill Creek, westward to Rabbit Lane, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Mr. Miller,

One from residents and owners of Property on Ninth Street, between Fitzwater and Catharine Streets, in Third Ward, asking that the same may be repaired.

Mr. O'Neill,

One from C. B. F. O'Neill, in behalf of Citizens residing west of the Schuylkill River, asking that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to finish the Bridge over Mill Creek, at the expense of the Original Contractor.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Northrop

A Communication from Citizens complaining of the vending and sale by basket measure, and of victuallers and hucksters occupying Market Street from Eighth to Juniper with wagons.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Leech,

One from William M. Leech, Lieutenant of the Sixteenth Police District; in relation to the condition of the cells used for Police purposes in that District.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hagner,

A petition from owners of Property in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that a Bridge to be re-built on Thirtieth Street, may be of a certain height.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Barton,

A communication from Joseph Carr, asking redress for being deprived of the use of a certain Market stall.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Borie

A petition from owners of property in the vicinity of Fifth and Queen Streets, asking that a Fire Plug may be placed at the corner of Fifth and Hagerty's Court.

The President,

A communication from Samuel Ogden, Chief Engineer of the Water Department, in reference to the condition of the Delaware Water Works and the Fairmount Dam.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A memorial from the Managers of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company.

Also,

A communication from B. B. Comegys, asking for an appropriation to pay a claim for making Tax Duplicates of the Sixteenth Ward.

Also,

One from William V. McKean, Register in the Water Department submitting the names of his sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of the office.

Also,

One from Wm. A. Porter, Esq., City Solicitor, submitting a copy of an opinion given to the Committee on Finance; and asking that it may be printed in the Appendix.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hagner

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which were referred the Sureties of Certain Supervisors, submitted a Report, with a Resolution, approving of the same, and directing the City Solicitor to prepare and record the necessary Bonds. (Appendix No. 80.)

Also,

A Report adverse to making an Appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, with a resolution, asking to be dis-

charged from the further consideration of the subject.
(Appendix No. 81.)

Which resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Baird

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.,

To which was referred the communication of Mrs. Van Dusen, asking that the Lease to her late husband of the Wharf at Hanover street, be cancelled. Submitted a report, with a resolution, transferring said Lease to Messrs. Byerly & Lynn. (Appendix No. 82.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Fidler

Moved to strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert "That the Chief Commissioner of Wharves and Landings, be required to advertise for proposals for the renting of the Wharf at the foot of Hanover street.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Offered the following Preamble and Resolution :

Whereas, By the last Municipal Election held in Second Ward, it appears that several Divisions have more than the required number of voters, and whereas it is made the duty of Councils to arrange said Divisions in conformity with the act of Assembly: be it therefore,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five be appointed to consist of the members of Councils from Second Ward, for the purpose of re-arranging the Election Divisions of said Ward, in conformity with the Third Section of the Act of the 31st of January, 1854, and report the same to Councils for their action thereon.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to suspend the rules, and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to,

The resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject, and that it be referred to the Committee on Law.

Not agreed to.

The resolution was then adopted.

The Preamble was adopted.

Mr. Leech

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways, be authorized and directed to use all legal means to compel the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Rail Road Company, to have the Grays Ferry Bridge, properly lighted and the draws worked so that no damage and delay will result to the public travel.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Baker

Moved to refer the subject to the Committee on Highways.

Not agreed to.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. King

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Guardians of the Poor, be and they are here requested to inform Common Council by a communication, to be directed to this Council, what number of Visitors have been employed by said Board; and the amount of salary paid them; whether all who need out-door relief, and apply for the same, receive it; why one class of indigent persons receive relief out of the Alms House, and another class are compelled to receive relief in it; and what class of poor receive out-door relief; whether in granting out-door relief the provisions of the 8th Section of the Act of 5th March, 1828, entitled an Act, "For the relief and employment of the Poor, of the City of Philadelphia, the District of Southwark and the Township of Penn," and the 1st Section of the Act of January 6th, 1840, entitled "An Act for the relief and employment of the poor, of the City of Philadelphia, &c.," have been in their spirit and letter complied with, and generally to give Councils such information as will enable them to understand how and where \$53,000 have been expended, for out-door relief in six months; and as will enable them to judge of the propriety of appropriating the whole or part of the amount asked for by said Board, for said relief for the balance of the year.

Mr. King

Moved to suspend the rules, and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Poor.

Not agreed to.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of Committee on Claims,

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bill of John Trinkle be referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationary.

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Catherwood

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Select Council be informed that this body will meet them in Joint Convention on Thursday next, the 14th inst. at 5 P. M., for the purpose of electing one person to fill the vacancy in the Board of Port Wardens, occasioned by the resignation of John Robbins, Jr.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to suspend the rules, and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend by adding, "and Sixteen Police Magistrates."

Agreed to.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Boyle

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Water be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the owners of property fronting on any Street, to lay the water conduit pipe at their own expense, provided it be done under the Supervision of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, and that the pipes be of the proper dimensions ; and provided further, that the City shall be at no expense, only for the intersections, and that a Fire Plug shall be also put in each square.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Northrop

Presented the petition of Citizens of the Fifth Division of the Eighth Ward, asking that the place of holding the election may be changed, with an accompanying resolution.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules, and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

The resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Owen

Moved to refer the subject to the Committee on Law.

Agreed to.

Mr. Potter

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby directed to take into consideration the present Financial condition of the City, and prepare and report as early as possible to this Chamber some measures

by which the present state of the City Finances may be improved.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 16, Select Council File, entitled "An Ordinance relating to the attendance of a Police Magistrate at the Mayor's Office."

Not agreed to

Mr. Miller

Called for the Order of the Day.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day, to proceed to third reading and consideration of Bill No. 2, Common Council File, "Regulating the Police Force."

Agreed to.

The bill was read a third time, and on the question "Shall this Bill pass."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Abr'm Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, O'Neill, Potter, Recktenwald, Ridgway, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Barber, Booth, Craven, Dougherty, Henry, Holman, Hubbard,

Leech, Lex, Melloy, Mickle, McManus, Owen, Parker, Porter, Vogdes and Winship.

Yeas 40. Nays 19.

It was agreed to.

And the bill passed.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the order of the day, to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 4, Common Council File, to wit: "To re-organize the Department of City Commissioners."

Agreed to.

The Thirteenth Section was read and

Agreed to.

The Fourteenth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend as follows: insert after the word "relief" in fifth line, "and without an Ordinance of Councils be passed and an appropriation made therefor."

Mr. Potter

Moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Re-organization of the Departments.

Not Agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Northrop.

It was not agreed to.

The Section was then agreed to.

The Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sections were read and Agreed to.

The Seventeenth Section being under consideration.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to strike out in the second and third lines, "Committee on Finance," and insert "Councils."

Not agreed to.

The Section was agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the Sixteenth Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to amend by adding after the word "Dollars," the word "each."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to further amend by adding after the word "annum," "to be paid monthly," so as to read, that the salary of the City Commissioners, shall each be one thousand dollars per annum, to be paid monthly.

Agreed to.

The 18th, 19th and 20th Sections were agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to re-consider the vote by which the 17th Section was adopted.

Not agreed to.

The 21st Section was agreed to.

The 22d Section being under consideration,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend by adding after the word "Commissioners," the words "Inconsistent herewith."

Agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 26, Common Council File, "To make appropriations to the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by] Messrs. Winship and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

Yeas.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Borie, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Porter, Recktenwald, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, and Winship.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, M. C. Brown, King, Murphy, Owen, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 43. Nays 7.

It was agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Owen

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Finance.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Booth

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill, and proceed to Bill No. 9, Select Council File, "To authorize the construction of a certain culvert."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Elliott

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Ordinance be referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, and that the Committee be directed to report an Ordinance, appropriating the amount named by the appropriation bill, to the Companies complying with the Ordinance regulating the Fire Department, at the date of the approval of said Ordinance.

Adopted.

Select Council informed

That they have concurred in the resolution to meet in Joint Convention, on the 14th inst., to elect a Port Warden and sixteen Police Magistrates, with the following amendment, to wit: "and a Superintendant of City Rail Road."

Mr. Miller

Moved that Common Council concur.

Council concurred.

Also,

That they had passed the following Resolution, relative to opening Girard Avenue and Franklin Avenue Bridge.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to take the necessary measures for opening Gir-

ard Avenue Bridge for public use, if the same can be done without additional appropriation to that Department, and if it cannot be opened without an additional appropriation, to report to Councils what sum will be required to enable him to open it.

And in like manner for the opening of Franklin Avenue Bridge, over Gunner's Run.

Also,

That they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance, relating to Building Permits, Hackney Coaches, Omnibuses, Wagons, Carts, &c.,

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have passed the following Resolution, approving of Sureties submitted by William V. McKean, Register.

Resolved, That the Sureties offered by William V. McKean, viz: Arthur Hughes and George W. Nebinger, be approved, and that the Solicitor be authorized to receive the usual Bond and Warrant, and have the same entered of record.

Mr. Leech

Moved to proceed to second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have passed the following Resolution relating to the City Ice Boat:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to cause the City Ice Boat to be thoroughly repaired and placed in condition for efficient service, during the next ensuing winter; said repairs to be made as economically as may be consistent with a due regard to the efficiency of the Boat.

Mr. Henry

Moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Port Wardens.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of City Property.

Also,

That they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for certain purposes therein mentioned."

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they have non-concurred in the resolution of Common Council to repeal a resolution, authorizing the payment of interest on warrants.

Also,

That they have passed the following Resolution, to lay Water Pipes in certain streets.

See Appendix No. 88, Select Council.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

The resolution was twice read and adopted.

Mr. Booth

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 9, Select Council File, "To authorize the construction of a certain culvert."

Agreed to.

Mr. Booth

Moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the Report on Rules.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Offered the following:

Whereas, At the last Municipal Election held in this City, it appears that there were upwards of 400 votes polled in the Fourth Division, of the Nineteenth Ward; furthermore, that there were upwards of 50 votes disfranchised, owing to the very large number of voters in this Election Division; therefore,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of Five, be appointed, to consist of the Members of Council, from the Nineteenth Ward, for the purpose of dividing the Fourth Division of the Nineteenth Ward, in conformity with the

3d Section of the Act of the Legislature, passed 2d February, 1854.

Mr. Holman

Moved to suspend the rules, and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to add to the end as follows, "and report to Council."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to insert "18th, and" before 19th.

Agreed to.

The resolution as amended was adopted

The Preamble was agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to consideration of Bill No. 17, Common Council File, to establish and organize the Department of City Property.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to strike out "1st day of July next," at the end of the third line, and insert "passage hereof."

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to strike out after the word "houses" in second line, "and the Department of Wharves and Landings."

Mr. Parker

Asked for a call of the house.

The Roll was called and 38 Members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Stevenson, Vogdes, Winship and Patterson, Pres't.

A quorum of Members not answering,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to Adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 14th, 1856.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Kelly

Moved that Mr. Leech take the chair,

Agreed to.

The Roll was called and the following members answered to their names,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,

Messrs. Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Martin,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McMakin,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,

Messrs. Potter,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.

Messrs. Schofield,
Slocum,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Welsh,
Winship,

On motion of Mr. Mascher,
The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a petition from property holders, residing in the vicinity of Monroe street, between Third and Fourth streets, asking for repairs to a Pump.

Mr. Schofield

One from property holders on the line of Eighth street, from Dauphin street to Germantown Road, asking that the same may be graded.

Mr. Melloy

One from Citizens of Twentieth Ward, asking that Clinton street, between Girard Avenue and Thompson street, and between Eighth and Ninth may be paved.

Mr. Bromley

One from Citizens of Manayunk, calling attention to the condition of Culverts on Levering, Grape and Cotton streets, in Twenty-first Ward.

Mr. Horrocks

One from property holders on Bridge street, Twenty-third Ward, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Mr. Elliott

One from owners of property on Stanly street, between Third and Fourth, and between German and Monroe, (late Plum,) asking that the same may be laid with flag stone.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Catherwood

One from Taylor Ingraham and residents of the Ninth Ward, asking for change of the Fourth Precinct House in said Ward.

Mr. Potter

One from Citizens of the Fourth Precinct, of the Fifteenth Ward, asking for a change in the place of holding their elections.

Mr. Jackson

One from Citizens of the Third Division, Twentieth Ward, asking for a change in the place of holding their elections.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Davis

One from Citizens on Cherry street, west of Nineteenth street, asking for additional Lamps in said street.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

One from owners of property and residents on High street, Twenty-second Ward, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed in said street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Lex

One from owners of property on Nineteenth street, from South to Shippen, Bedford street from Nineteenth to Twentieth, and Shippen street from Nineteenth to Twentieth streets, asking that Water Pipes may be laid along said streets.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. King

One from Joseph Lewis, asking that the matter of a Judgment obtained by him against the City, be referred to the Finance Committee

It was so referred.

Mr. Hagner

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which was referred the Resolution from Select Council, approving of the Sureties of William V. McKean, Register, in the Water Department, submitted a report with a resolution, approving of Arthur Hughes and George W. Nebinger, as said Sureties. (Appendix No. 83.)

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report, adverse to making an appropriation for the payment of William Rice, for publishing Extra Assessment of 1855, with a resolution, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 84.)

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

“An Ordinance for the preservation of the Records, in the Office of the City Commissioners, and to limit the expenses of making out Tax Duplicates, and make an Appropriation for the same.” (Appendix No. 85.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved that the Ordinance be printed, and made the Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. Lex

From the Committee on Water,

Submitted a report with a bill, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for Supplying the City with Water, for repairs to the dam at Fairmount.” (Appendix No. 86.)

Mr. Lex.

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,
It was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Bremer,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

To which was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, "To effect uniformity in numbering houses."—Submitted a report, recommending its adoption as committed. (Appendix No. 87.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report, with an Ordinance, "Making appropriations to the Companies composing the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia. (Appendix No. 88.)

Mr. Winship

Moved that the rules be suspended, and proceed to second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Mr. Baker.

Moved to amend, to lay the Bill on the table and print.

Mr. Mascher

Rose to a point of order, viz: that the motion to lie upon the table, was not in order, pending a motion to suspend the Rules.

The President

Decided the point of order to be "not well taken."

Mr. Parker

Presented the following appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The President having decided that a motion to "suspend the rules," could be amended by a motion to "postpone and print," The undersigned appeals from the decision of the Chair.

R. PARKER.

Mr. King

Moved that the appeal be laid upon the table.

Agreed to.

The motion to lie upon the table and print, was

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Winship, to suspend the rules,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Baker and Winship,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bremër, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Davis, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Henry, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Recktenwald, Ridgway, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Booth, Catherwood, Craven, Hagner, Harper, Hubbard,

Jackson, King, McManus, Potter, Spencer Roberts, Sorver, and Vanhorn.

Yeas 40. Nays 17.

It was agreed to.

The question being upon the adoption of the First Section.

Mr. Welsh :

Moved to strike out the appropriation to the "Wissahickon Engine Company of Roxborough."

Agreed to

The question recurring on the adoption of the First Section.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and A. J. Baker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Davis, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Harper, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Potter, Porter, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, and Winship.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Catherwood, Craven, Hagner, Horrocks, King, Northrop, Owen, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts and Sorver.

Yeas 45. Nays 14.

It was agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to re-consider the vote, in order to strike out the appropriation to the "Vigilant Hose Company."

The Officers and Members of the Select Council were introduced.

Councils being assembled in Convention,

The President stated the object thereof.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Port Warden, in place of John Robbins, Jr., resigned.

The Clerks reported that 55 votes were cast, of which,
Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Hagner, Kline, Marselis, McCay, Taylor, Welsh, Williams and Wharton, President.

12, voted for John W. Smith.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McNeal, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Welsh.

43, voted for John W. Smith.

In all, 55 votes.

John W. Smith, having received all the votes cast was declared duly elected Port Warden, to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the resignation of John Robbins, Jr.

The convention then proceeded to the election of sixteen Police Magistrates, to serve for one year.

The clerks reported that 62 votes were cast of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Hagner, Kline, Marselis, M'Cay, Taylor, Williams and Wharton, President.

11, voted for Samuel F. Flood, Abraham McGarry, George Moore, Robert T. Carter, John Coulter, John Thompson, John Devlin, William Shain, Francis W. Binder, Hugh Clark, James M. Cathers, Thomas Hope Palmer, John B. Gibson, Daniel Snyder, Franklin McConaughy and Joseph G. Miller.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, Mc Manus, McNeal, Owen, Porter, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship,

44, voted for Samuel F. Flood, Abraham McGarry, George Moore, Robert T. Carter, John Coulter, John Thompson, John Devlin, William Shain, Francis W. Binder, Hugh Clark, James M. Cathers, Thomas Hope Palmer, John B. Gibson, Daniel Snyder, Franklin McConaughy, and Joseph G. Miller.

Common Council,

Mr. Henry,

1, voted for Samuel F. Flood, John Coulter and John Thompson.

Common Council,

Messrs. Jackson, Potter and Stevenson,

3, voted for Samuel F. Flood, Abraham McGarry, George Moore, Robert T. Carter, John Coulter, John Thompson, William Shain, Francis W. Binder, Hugh Clark, James M. Cathers, Thomas Hope Palmer, John B. Gibson, Daniel Snyder, Franklin McConaughy and Joseph G. Miller.

Common Council,

Mr. Northrop,

1, voted for Samuel F. Flood, George Moore, Robert T. Carter, John Coulter, John Thompson, John Devlin, William Shain, Francis W. Binder, Hugh Clark, James M. Cathers, Thomas Hope Palmer, John B. Gibson, Daniel Snyder, Franklin McConaughy and Joseph G. Miller.

Common Council,

Mr. O'Neill,

1, voted for Samuel F. Flood, Abraham McGarry, George Moore, Robert T. Carter, John Coulter, John Thompson, John Devlin, William Shain, James M. Cathers, Thomas Hope Palmer, John B. Gibson, Daniel Snyder, Franklin McConaughy and Joseph G. Miller.

Common Council,

Mr. Ridgway,

1, voted for Franklin McConaughy,

Common Council,

Messrs. Jackson and Stevenson,

2, voted for John Apple.

Samuel F. Flood, John Coulter and John Thompson,
having received 61 votes each ;

Abraham McGarry, George Moore, Robert T. Carter,
William Shain, James M. Cathers, Thomas Hope Palmer,
John B. Gibson, Daniel Suyder and Joseph G. Miller, 60
votes each ;

John Devlin, Francis W. Binder and Hugh Clark, 59
votes each ; and

Franklin McConaughy, 62 votes.

Were declared duly elected Police Magistrates for the
ensuing year.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a
Superintendent of City Rail Road.

The Clerks reported that 60 votes had been cast, of
which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Kline,
Marselis, M'Cay, Taylor, Welsh, Williams and Wharton,
President,

11, voted for Richard L. West.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton,
Boyle, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Cather-
wood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott,
Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hub-
bard, Iseminger. Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin,

Mascher, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship,

47, voted for Richard L. West.

In all, 58 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Roberts,

1, voted for John Neff.

Common Council,

Mr. A. J. Baker,

1, voted for John Neff.

In all, 2 votes.

Richard L. West, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Superintendent of City Rail Road.

The President

Announced the result of the meeting in Joint Convention.

The Covention then adjourned and Select Council retired.

Mr. Northrop

Asked for a call of the house.

The Clerk

Having called the Roll, reported fifty-two Members answering to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown,

M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Hagner, Harper, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

A quorum of Members being present; the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Stevenson,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading and consideration of the bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. T. J. Roberts and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brouse, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Harper, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Potter, Porter, Slocum, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, and Winship.

NAYS.—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Catherwood, Hagner, Horrocks, Northrop, Owen, T. J. Roberts and Sorver.

Yeas 38. Nays 9.

Agreed to.

The Bill was then ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time,

And passed.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

To which was referred the Communication from the Northern Liberties Hose Company, asking admission into the Fire Department,

Submitted a Report, with a Resolution favorable to the same. (Appendix No. 89.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the Rules and proceed to second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Not agreed to.

Also,

Reported An "Ordinance to make an Appropriation to the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Called for the Order of the Day.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the Order of the Day.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

To which was referred the Petition of citizens of the First and Second Wards, in reference to the Surveyor and Regulator of the District,

Submitted a Report, with a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.— (Appendix No. 90.)

The resolution was read twice, and

Agreed to.

Also,

A Report, with a resolution directing the Highway Department to arrange the gutter stone on the West side of Second street, between Arch and Race streets. (Appendix No. 91.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A Report in reference to the Petition of citizens of Twenty-fourth ward, asking for a re-survey of certain streets in said Ward, with a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 92.)

The resolution was read twice, and

Agreed to.

Also,

A report with a resolution, in relation to the elevation of a Bridge on Landing street.—(Appendix No. 93.)

The resolution was read twice and agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from J. B. Baker, Superintendent of the of the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road, asking to have the Engine House in West Philadelphia supplied with water.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A statement from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, of the Finances of the Department.—(Appendix No. 94.)

Laid on the table

Also,

A communication from the Highway Department, in regard to the contract system for cleaning the streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from Eugene Ahern, Commissioner of City Property, calling attention of Council to the bad condition of the Wire Bridge.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A petition from Thomas J. Cooke, asking that money paid to the City in mistake, be refunded.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A communication from L. Blanch, asking payment of a Claim against the City.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Select Council

Informed, that they had passed the following, to wit :

Resolved, That the owners of property on Marshall street, from Thompson to Jefferson streets, be, and they are hereby authorized to pave the same ; provided that the work shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and that the City shall be at no expense, except for the paving of the intersections.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance, to make an appropriation to pay the interest upon Warrants, and costs on Suits against the City."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they have passed the following, to wit :

Whereas, One of the duties enjoined on the City Councils, by Act of Assembly, is to "lay out and maintain Areas of Ground, as open or public places, for the health and enjoyment of the People ;" and,

Whereas, The Councils did by Ordinance, approved the 28th day of September, 1855, "Devote and Dedicate" the Lemon Hill Estate, to Public Use, by the name of "Fairmount Park," therefore,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of Three from each Council, be appointed, to devise and report a plan whereby Fairmount Park can be improved, and appropriated to public use and recreation, in a style consistent with the character of the Grounds, and with due regard to economy of expenditure.

Resolved, That the said Committee be authorized to confer with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, on the subject of the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to refer the same to a Special Committee of Three.

Agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Hagner, Macher and King, the Committee.

Also,

That they had passed a resolution to pay Joseph Fox thirty-five dollars.

Referred to the Committæ on Finance.

Also,

A resolution calling the attention of the Highway Department to an unfinished Sewer on Huntington street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A resolution to direct the Highway Department to rearrange the gutter stone in Second street, between Arch and Race streets.

Laid on the table

Also,

A resolution to lay Water Pipes in Clinton and other streets.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council, Providing for the attendance of a Police Magistrate at the Mayor's Office.

Not agreed to

Mr. Parker

Asked for a call of the house.

The roll was called and the Clerk reported that twenty-nine Members answered to their names, to wit:

Messrs. A. J. Baker, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, William Deal, Elliott, Findlay, Hagner, Harper, Holman, Horrocks,

Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Mascher, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Potter, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Winship.

A quorum of Members not being present,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, August 18th, 1856.

Council met, pursuant to a call for a special meeting.

The President being absent,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that Mr. Leech take the Chair.

Agreed to.

The call of the meeting was read, to wit:

To ISAAC LEECH, JR., ESQ.,

President pro. tem. of Common Council.

Please call a special meeting of the Common Council for Monday afternoon next, August 18th, 1856, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering the following Bills and Resolution, to wit:

Common Council file, No. 21.—An Ordinance to fix the Lines on the Delaware River, between Pike street on the North, and the Point House Wharf on the South, beyond which no wharf nor pier shall be constructed.

No. 22.—An Ordinance to provide for the Cleaning of the Docks on the Delaware and Schuylkill Fronts of the City of Philadelphia.

No. 27.—Directing the manner of procuring the Printing, Binding and Stationery for the City of Philadelphia.

No. 28.—A Supplement to an Ordinance relating to Clerks and Messengers of Councils, passed May 5th, 1855.

No. 30.—An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.

And the Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the Board of Trustees of the City Ice Boat to repair said Boat.

JOHN McMAKIN,
AND'W. J. CATHERWOOD,
M. C. BROWN,
ALEX. MARTIN,
THOMAS POTTER,
CHARLES VANHORN,
WM. M. BAIRD,
CHAS. V. HAGNER,
SAM'L. P. DUTTON,
WM. H. JACKSON,
WM. C. KELLY,
WM. DEAL.

August 14th, 1856.

JOHN D. MILES, ESQ.,
Clerk of Common Council.

Will please call a Special Meeting of Common Council on Monday Afternoon next, August 18th, 1856, at 3 o'clock, as per call.

ISAAC LEECH, JR.,
President pro. tem. of Common Council.

Aug. 14, 1856.

The roll was called and the Clerk reported that thirty-six members answered to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Findlay,
Baker, Abraham	Fitler,
Bevan,	Hagner,
Booth,	Henry,
Borie,	Holman,
Boyle,	Horrocks,
Bradford,	Kelly,
Brown, Benjamin H.	Lecch,
Brown, M. C.	Lex,
Deal, Wm.	Lindsay,
Dutton,	Mascher,
Elliott,	Mecutchen,

Messrs. Miller,
McMakin,
McManus,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Potter,

Messrs. Porter,
Roberts, Spencer
Roberts, T. J.
Slocum,
Sorver
Winship.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Asked a call of the House,

When the Clerk reported thirty-seven members answering to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Hagner, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vanhorn and Winship.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 21st, 1856.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Baird,

Baker, Abraham,

Barton,

Bevan,

Booth,

Boyle,

Bradford,

Bremer,

Brown, M. C.,

Brownholtz,

Brouse,

Catherwood,

Deal, J. F.,

Deal, William,

Dutton,

Elliott,

Findlay,

Hagner,

Harper,

Henry,

Holman,

Hubbard,

Iseminger,

Kelly,

Messrs. Leech,

Lex,

Lindsay,

Martin,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller,

Monaghan,

Murphy,

McMakin,

McManus,

Northrop,

O'Neill,

Potter,

Porter,

Recktenwald,

Roberts, C. B.,

Roberts, Spencer,

Roberts, T. J.,

Schofield,

Slocum,

Sorver,

Stevenson,

Vanhorn,

Winship.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Martin

Presented a petition from Citizens of the Third Ward, asking for a change of Precinct House.

Also,

One of like import from Citizens of the Seventh Division, First Ward.

Mr. Monaghan,

One of like import from Citizens of the Seventh Division, Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Melloy,

One of like import from Citizens of Third Division, Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Iseminger,

One of like import from Citizens of Seventh Division, First Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Findlay,

One from property holders on George Street, between Nineteenth and Broad, for a suitable drain.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Lex,

A communication from Paul B. Goddard, President of the Board of Inspectors of the Philadelphia County Prison, submitting an estimate of the amount necessary to cover the expenses of the same, to the termination of the present year.

Mr. Elliott

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a claim from James H. Reid, for money advanced on City Warrants.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Vanhorn,

A petition from the Western Fire Company, asking that a Fire Plug be placed on the south side of Callowhill street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth Streets.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from owners of property fronting on Eagle street, Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid along said street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Hagner,

One from Benjamin Knowles in reference to a demand made on him for paving.

Mr. Melloy,

One from property owners on Girard Avenue, between Seventh and Tenth streets, asking that water pipes may be laid and paving done on said avenue.

Mr. Bromley,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-first Ward, asking that Manatawna Street may be put in travelling condition.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

The President

Presented a communication from Richard L. West, submitting the names of his Sureties as Superintendent of City Rail Road.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

One from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, calling the attention of Council to the condition of Tenth street, from Montgomery street, to the Township Line Road in the 20th and 21st Wards.

Also,

From the same, an estimate of the amount of cost for grading Parke street, in Twenty-second Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A bill from John R. Longstreth, for transcribing election returns under direction of City Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A Communication from the Guardians of the Poor, in answer to the resolution from Common Council, inquiring the amount and character of relief granted, the number employed as visitors and their salaries.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

One from Comly, Goodman and Co., Auctioneers, submitting proposals for selling the Real Estate of the City.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

One from William Jack, complaining of the conduct of certain Police Officers.

Mr. McCleary

Moved that the communication lie upon the Table.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved to refer it to the Committee on Police.

Agreed to.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, August 21st, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 15th inst. "A Resolution authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to continue the grading of Parke street, from the point where the same was discontinued to its termination at the Bridge over the Wissahickon on the Township Line Road, in the Twenty-second Ward; Provided, the whole cost shall not exceed Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars."

On the 15th inst. "A Resolution authorizing the paving of certain streets in the First and Sixteenth Wards."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also,

A Communication from Jesper Harding and Son, for advertising Controller's Statement for 1855.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a resolution approving of the sureties of Joseph McHale, Supervisor of the Seventh and Eighth Wards, and Patrick O'Rourke, of the Nineteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 95.)

Also,

A report in relation to a Judgment obtained against the City, in favor of the Estate of Joseph H. Amer, with a resolution, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 96.)

Also,

A report in reference to the application of the President and Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road, for further aid in constructing the road, with a resolution, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 97.)

Also,

A report in relation to the application of the Board of Controllors of the Public Schools, for an appropriation to the Webster School House, with a resolution authorizing warrants to be drawn for the same. (Appendix No. 98.)

The resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

To which was referred the resolution from Select Council, authorizing the paving of Marshall street, reported in favor of the same, with amendments. (Appendix No. 99.)

The resolution as reported was adopted.

Also,

A report in relation to the Communication from the Chief Commissioner of Highways, informing Councils of the time of the expirations of the contracts for Cleaning certain Districts, with a resolution authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to publish for proposals for the same. (Appendix No. 100.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to refer the subject back to the Committee with instructions to divide the Lower Section into Two Districts

Not agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to amend as follows, viz :

“First District, to be below South street, Sixth street the dividing line East and West.”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Monaghan,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Bevan, Booth, 'Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Harper, Holman, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McManus, McNeal, Parker, Porter, Recktenwald, Slocum, Snyder, Vanhorn and Wright.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barton, M. C. Brown J. F. Deal, Elliott, Hagner, King, Lex, Miller, McMakin, Potter, Reed, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes and Winship.

Yeas 41. Nays 19.

It was agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

Chairman of the Committee on City Property,

To which was referred the application of the Controllers of Public Schools, for the use of the lot on Beach street, opposite the Kensington Market, for the erection of a School House, reported the resolution back with a negative recommendation, and a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 101.)

Also,

Submitted a report adverse to substituting Iron Settees for Wooden Stools, in the Public Squares, with a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 102.)

Also,

Reported back the communication from the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, in relation to the cleaning of the Docks, and recommended its reference to the Committee on "Wharves and Landings," with a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr Bremer,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

To which was referred the resolution from Common Council, instructing them "to enquire upon what terms the City occupy the different houses, now used as Police Stations, and the expediency of occupying the Public Halls in lieu thereof," submitted a report, authorizing the Commissioner of City Property, to place the same at the disposal of the Mayor and Police Committee. (Appendix No. 103.)

Also,

A report adverse to the payment of Alderman Armstrong's claim for services rendered, as Police Magistrate of the Seventh Ward, with a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 104.)

The resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

To which was referred the Bill of Messrs. Evans and Watson, for Salamander Safe, reported the same back to Council, and recommended that it be referred to the Committee on Finance, with a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Also,

Submitted a report relative to the claim of Barnes and Strang, which had been reported adversely to at a

former meeting, with a Resolution asking that the same may be Re-committed.

The resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported back to Council, a bill from Select Council entitled an "Ordinance to provide for the payment of the claim of Lane Schofield," and recommend that Council concur therein. (Appendix No. 105.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Law,

Submitted a series of Resolutions, "To change certain Precinct Houses." (Appendix No. 106.)

Mr. Kelly

Moved to amend the Fifth resolution by striking out, "Fifth Division, Second Ward."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to consider each Resolution separately.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Resolutions were adopted.

The Fifth Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Kelly

Moved to refer the same to the special Committee appointed to re-arrange the Divisions of Second Ward.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was adopted.

The Sixth and Seventh Resolutions were adopted.

Mr. O'Neill,

From same Committee submitted a Report adverse to the application of Tayler Ingraham to make his house a Precinct House in the Fourth Division of the Ninth Ward, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 107.)

Also,

A Report with a Resolution referring the application of voters of the Tenth Division, Second Ward, for a change in the bounds of said Division, to the members of Councils of said Ward.

Also,

A report with a Resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the application of Citizens of the Seventh Division, First Ward, and Fourth Division, Fifteenth Ward, for a change of Precinct Houses, and of Citizens of Third Division, Second Ward, and Ninth Division of Second Ward, for alterations in the Bounds of said Division. (Appendix No. 108.)

The resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported a bill entitled an Ordinance to repeal the Second Section of an Ordinance, passed the Sixteenth day of February 1856, entitled a supplement to an Ordinance approved January 19th 1856, entitled "an Ordinance to License and regulate Pawn Brokers." (Appendix No. 109.)

Nr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Also,

That the Committee had considered the Resolution from Select Council for the proper observance of the Fourth

of July, and recommend that Common Council adopt the same. (Appendix No. 110.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Landings to which was referred the Joint Resolution "Authorizing and empowering the Trustees of the City Ice Boat to put the same in thorough repair for efficient service during the next winter," submitted a Report recommending its adoption by Council. (Appendix No. 111.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. McMakin and Catherwood, and being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Barton, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Benj'n. H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Elliott, Harper, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Mccutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Reed, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vanhorn, Winship and Wright.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Leech, Miller, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson and Vogdes.

Yeas 46. Nays 10.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following, viz :

Resolved, That the Resolution be referred back to the Committee on Wharves and Landings, and said Committee report an Ordinance granting to any Company that may be

formed by citizens of Philadelphia, the City Ice Boat in trust, for the purpose of assisting in keeping the River Delaware open during the time of Ice, and for the purpose of towing vessels, etc. The said Ice Boat to be repaired and kept in order at the expense of said Company.

Mr. Harper

Moved a call of the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places, to wit:

Messrs. Harper, Mickle, B. H. Brown, Craven, Catherwood, Baird, McMakin, Kelly, Wright, Melloy, Martin and Booth.

And on the question "Shall the main question be now put,"

It was agreed to.

The main question being on the adoption of the Resolution of Mr. Stevenson,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution as reported by the Committee,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Stevenson, and being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Bevan, Booth, Bradford, Benj'n H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, Wm. Deal, Elliott, Harper, Henry, Holman, Jackson, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Martin, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Parker, Potter, Porter, Reed, Vanhorn, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. A. Baker, Boyle, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Iseminger, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, Northrop, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson and Vogdes.

Yeas 36. Nays 20.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Presented for himself and others, the following:

The undersigned vote "No" upon the Resolution for repairing the Ice Boat, because the previous question was called and enforced without allowing any amendment, or further discussion, and because there has been no opportunity of amending the bill, limiting the expense of said repairing, and because the Ordinance is against the provisions of the 21st Section of the Act of April 21, 1855.

GEORGE NORTHROP,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Aug. 21, 1856.

Mr. Stevenson

Presented the following:

I cannot vote for a resolution appropriating money when it is expressly stated in the supplement to the Consolidation Law passed April 1855, section twenty-first, that no appropriation shall be made of the monies of the City, without an Ordinance therefore expressing the objects thereof and the amount appropriated for each object.

SAMUEL STEVENSON.

Mr. Mascher,

On leave being granted, offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, that when Council adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Mr. Parker

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Not agreed to.

The motion to proceed to a second reading was then agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Holman, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mccutchen, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Potter, Porter, C. B. Roberts, Sloeum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vodges, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Elliott, Henry and Stevenson.

Yeas 36. Nays 3.

A quorum of members not voting.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Asked a call of the House.

The Clerk having proceeded with the call reported forty-two members having answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Henry, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mccutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Potter, Porter, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship and Wright.

A quorum of members not having voted,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Resolution "To complete the grading of Tenth street."

Also,

A Resolution to grade "Girard Avenue."

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, etc., to pay certain Road Damages in Certificates of City Debt.

Referred to the Committee on Finance:

Also,

A Resolution to lay water pipe on Cumberland street.

Also,

A Resolution to lay water pipe on Dickinson and Franklin streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

An Ordinance relating to the erection of a Hospital building by the Board of Health.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Resolution to direct the Committee on City Property to sell certain Real Estate in October.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Parker

Asked for a call of the House.

The Roll being called, the Clerk reported Thirty-five members as answering to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Baird, Abr'm Baker, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Holman, Isenminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Wright.

A quorum not voting,

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 28th, 1856.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Holman

Moved that Mr. Leech take the Chair.

Agreed to.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,

Messrs. Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,

Messrs. Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,

Messrs. Recktenwald,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,
Slocum,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules, to consider the Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees, approved July 3d, 1854.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Elliott and Catherwood,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Ford, Geiss, -Harper, Hubbard, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, O'Neill, Porter, Schofield and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abr'm Baker, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Butler, Catherwood, Wm. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Kershaw,

McCleary, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Potter, Robb, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes and Wright.

Yeas 32. Nays 27.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules, to offer the following resolution.

Agreed to.

Resolved, That Common Council will hold an adjourned meeting on Tuesday Afternoon, September 2d, at 3 o'clock.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Lindsay

Presented a petition from property owners fronting on Montrose street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth, and Christian and Carpenter streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. McCutchen,

One from owners of property on Leopard street, between Otter street and Franklin Avenue, asking that the same may be graded.

Also,

One for repairs to Laurel street, between Front and Second streets, in the Sixteenth Ward.

Mr. McCleary,

One from the Citizens of the Eighteenth Ward, asking for the opening of Brown street, from Hanover to Palmer streets.

Mr. Owen,

One of like import from owners of Property on Chew street, from Washington Avenue to Bristol street or Dewey's Lane, in the Twenty-second Ward.

Mr. Vogdes,

One of like import from owners of property on Green street, from Mary to William streets, in the 24th Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Miller

Presented a communication from Enoch Thorn, relative to his Patent Sewer-Ventilator.

Mr. Northrop,

A petition from Charles M. Morris, and others, relative to the bad condition of the Sewer leading from Bay street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Catherwood,

One from voters in the Fourth Division, Ninth Ward, asking for a change in the location of Precinct House.

Mr. O'Neill,

One from Zabina Ellis, asking to be relieved from paying water rent for the present year.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Vanhorn,

A communication from R. A. Parrish, James Dunlop, and their associates, in relation to the construction of a Passenger Railway, from or near the Exchange, to Girard College and Fairmount.

Referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Holman,

From the Special Committee, appointed to divide the Fourth Division of the Nineteenth Ward, on leave granted,

Submitted a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to change the boundary lines of the Fourth Division of the Nine-

teenth Ward, to create an additional Division in said Ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division." (Appendix No. 112.)

Mr. Holman

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

The first and second sections were agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Bromley

Presented a petition from Citizens of the late Borough of Manayunk, asking that a nuisance may be abated.

Mr. King,

One from Washington Whillden, asking for payment of Salary and Expenses incurred by Injuries sustained as Police Officer of the City.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Vogdes,

A protest from Citizens against the erection of the Hospital for Yellow Fever and other Diseases, on the Alms House Grounds.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

The President

Presented a communication from the Board of Health, with a resolution, urging Councils to make an appropriation to the City Hospital.

Also,

From the same, a resolution requesting Councils to appoint a Committee to meet the Sanitary Committee of the Board, in relation to the site of the new City Hospital.

Also,

A resolution from the same, declaring it inexpedient to change the location of the new City Hospital.

Which were referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

A bill from William F. Guernsey, M. D. for Professional Services rendered to Gilbert Knight, a Police Officer, injured in the performance of his duties.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, with a resolution to request Councils to have the Bells of Spring Garden and Southwark Halls rung in time of Fire.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, submitting the views of the City Controller, in reference to bills for Labour and Materials furnished the Department.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from Samuel Ogden, in reference to the contract of Messrs. Burkenbine & Trotter, to keep the Water Works in operation.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, August 28th, 1856.

To the President and Members of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 27th inst., "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for Supplying the City with Water, for repairs to the Dam at Fairmount."

Also, on the 28th inst., an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the balance due for the Building of a Culvert on Thompson street."

Also, a Joint Resolution to direct the Department of Surveys to revise and adjust the grades upon Landing street.

And, a Joint Resolution to change the places for holding elections in the Fifth Division of Fourth Ward ; Eighth Division of Third Ward ; Second Division of Third Ward ; Fifth Division of Second Ward ; and Fifth Division of Eighth Ward.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Boyle

From the Special Committee to re-arrange the Election Divisions of Second Ward, submitted a Report, with a "further Supplement to the Joint Resolutions, approved March 19th, 1855, entitled Joint Resolutions relative to changing the Election Divisions of the Second Ward, and places of holding the Elections." (Appendix No. 113.)

Mr. Boyle

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Craven

On leave granted, read in place a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan, to pay Claims against the Corporation."

Mr. Craven

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Craven and Hubbard,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, Kershaw, King, Lex, Marsh, Martin, McCutchen, Melloy, Miller, McNeal, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS.—Messrs. Butler, Dougherty, Geiss, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Slocum, Snyder, Stevenson and Vogdes.

Yeas 46. Nays 16.

Agreed to.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Potter

Moved to refer the bill back to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend as follows : "That it be Published according to law."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to refer back to the Committee on Finance,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and King,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Ford, Harper, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Parker, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Wright.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abr'm Baker, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Elliott, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Jackson, Leech, Miller, Murphy, Owen, Ridgway, Sorver, and Welsh.

Yeas 53. Nays 17.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which was referred a communication from Richard L. West, Superintendent of the City Rail Road, offering certain persons as his sureties, submitted a report, with a resolution, approving of the same, and directing the Solicitor to procure the necessary bonds, and have the same entered of record. (Appendix No. 114.)

Also,

Reported back as committed, a resolution from Select Council, to pay Joseph Fox, for certain Services, and recommended its adoption. (Appendix No. 115.)

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

A bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, and for other purposes. (Appendix No. 116.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Reported back as committed, a bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, to pay certain Road damages in Certificates of City Debt" and recommended concurrence therein. (Appendix No. 117.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Also,

A Resolution relative to the change of certain items of appropriation to the Department of Police. (Appendix No. 118.)

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report adverse to the claim of Evans & Watson, for two Salamander Safes purchased by the late Law Department, with a resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 119.)

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and take up the bill upon the President's Desk, from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance making an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the City Ice Boat."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Holman and Baird,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barton, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Benj. H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Elliott, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Jackson, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McNeal, Parker, Potter, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Brownholtz, Brouse, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Geiss, Hagner, Leech, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Miller, Owen, Recktenwald, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Seofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson and Vogdes.

Yeas 42. Nays 23.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

To which was referred several communications, representing the bad condition of Ninth Street, at the intersection of Morris Street, in the First Ward; submitted a report, with a resolution to grade Morris Street. (Appendix No. 120.)

Also,

A report, with a resolution to authorize the paving and grading of Barlow Street, in the First Ward, and Centre Street, in the Fifteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 121.)

Also,

A report, with a resolution to authorize the paving and re-paving of Lancaster Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. (Appendix No. 122.)

The resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report, with a resolution to authorize the re-paving of Ninth Street and Second Street, in the Third Ward. (Appendix No. 123.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to strike out "either" and "or otherwise".

Agreed to.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Also,

A report, with a resolution to authorize the grading of Spruce Street, from Till Street westward to Mill Creek, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. (Appendix No. 124.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to add "Provided the cost shall not exceed Three Hundred Dollars."

Agreed to.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the grading of Union street, between Moore and Cramond streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. (Appendix No. 125.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to add, "Provided the cost shall not exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars."

Agreed to.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Also,

A Report with a resolution to authorize the construction of a Culvert or Drain, across Levering street and Tower street, in Manayunk. (Appendix No. 126.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to strike out "either," and "or otherwise," and add "Provided the cost shall not exceed Two Hundred Dollars."

Agreed to.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Also,

A Report, with a resolution to construe the resolution to authorize the Grading of Parke Street, in the Twenty-second Ward. (Appendix No. 127.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson,

Moved to add "provided the cost shall not exceed six hundred and fifty dollars and no more."

Not agreed to.

The resolution was adopted.

Also,

A Report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the application to open Spruce street and Fifty-second street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. (Appendix No. 128.)

Read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report recommending the passage of a Bill from Select Council entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the opening of certain streets," with amendments. (Appendix No. 129.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Also,

A Petition from Benjamin Knowles in reference to a claim for grading and curbing.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day, to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 31, Common Council File.

Mr. O'Neill

Asked for a division of the question.

The question being upon the First Division, viz :

“ To suspend the order of the day.”

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following, to wit :

Resolved, That the Common Council be requested to return to the Select Council, “An Ordinance relating to the erection of a Hospital Building by the Board of Health,” passed by the Select Council, August 21st, 1856.”

Mr. Findlay

Offered the following :

Resolved, That “An Ordinance relating to the erection of a Hospital Building by the Board of Health,” passed by the Select Council, August 21st, 1856, be returned to Select Council, in compliance with their request.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Martin

Moved to suspend the order of the day, to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 21, Common Council File.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved to suspend the order of the day, to proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council, upon the President's Desk, “ To forbid that any work shall be done without authority of Councils.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Bevan

Moved to postpone the consideration and refer the bill to the Committee on Highways.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Elliott and Porter,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, Abr'm Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bremer, Benj. H. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Ford, Hagner, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, King, Lex, Meeutehen, Miller, Monaghan, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Wright.

NAYS.—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Hassinger, Holman, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, McManus, O'Neill, Porter, Welsh and Winship.

Yeas 42. Nays 16.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

From the Special Committee on Fairmount Park,
On leave granted, submitted a Report, with a Resolution. (Appendix No. 130.)

The Resolution being read,

Mr. Owen

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Resolution "To furnish each Station House with a copy of the Digest of City Ordinances."

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

A Resolution "To grade Tenth Street."

Also,

A Resolution "To grade Girard Avenue."

Also,

An Ordinance "To provide for the payment of the claim of R. Burrand and B. B. Thomas, for work done and materials furnished, in the construction of the Huntingdon street Culvert in the Nineteenth Ward."

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A Resolution "To lay Water Pipe on Franklin and Dickenson streets."

Also.

A Resolution "Directing the Chief Engineer to lay Water Pipe on Coral street, Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of City Property to place the Moya-mensing and other Public Halls at the disposal of the Mayor and Police Committee, with amendments.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the Rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was laid on the table.

Also,

An Ordinance making an appropriation for repairs to the Wire Bridge.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A Resolution to change the place of holding the elections, in the Third Precinct of the Eleventh Ward.

Mr. Benjamin H. Brown

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Benjamin H. Brown

Moved to strike out "John" and insert "James."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

Also,

"An Ordinance making an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the City Ice Boat."

Mr. Parker

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Ordinance making an appropriation to the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, be the special order of the day, for the adjourned meeting on Tuesday next.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Harper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, B. H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Dougherty, Ford, Harper, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Lex, Martin, Mecutchen, Monaghan, McManus, Parker, Potter, Robb, Schofield, Vanhorn, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS.—Messrs. J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Jackson, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, McMakin, Owen, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes and Winship.

Yeas 34. Nays 18.

Not agreed to.

Also,

That they had concurred in the resolution to authorize Proposals to be received for Cleansing the Streets, &c., with amendments.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Vogdes,

On leave granted, read in place an Ordinance, to reduce the Salaries of certain Officers in the Department of City Property.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Lindsay,

On leave granted, read in place an Ordinance "To provide for the opening of Fitzwater street, and other streets in the First Ward."

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Jackson,

On leave granted, presented a petition from Citizens, asking that a Lamp may be placed at the South West

Corner of Eighteenth and Pearl streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Vanhorn,

On leave granted, offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the property owners on the following streets be authorized to pave the same under the supervision of the Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Centre Street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-Third St. 1

Twenty-first, from Wallace street to Spring Garden St.

Twenty-second, from Green street to Spring Garden St.

Twenty-third, from Wallace street to Spring Garden St.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Potter,

On leave granted read in place an Ordinance, providing for the erection of a School House in the Fifteenth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Northrop,

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 16, Select Council File.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher,

On leave granted, read in place an Ordinance "to authorize the payment of certain small awards of Street damages without expense for searches."

Laid on the table.

Mr. M. C. Brown

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 17, Common Council File.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson, .

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty .

Asked for a call of the House. "

The roll was called and the Clerk reported thirty-five members answering to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Leech, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Monaghan, McMakin, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Potter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Winship and Wright.

A quorum of members not voting,

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, September 2d, 1856.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Leech in the Chair.

The Roll was called and thirty-nine members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Alexander, }
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton, }
Bevan,
Boyle,
Bremer,
Craven,
Deal, William,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,
Ford,
Hagner,
Hassinger,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Iseminger,

Messrs. Kelly,
Leech,
Lex,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Miller,
Murphy,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Potter,
Robb,
Stevenson,
Winship,
Wright.

A quorum of members not being present,

Mr. Miller

Moved to adjourn,

Not agreed to.

After some time the Roll was again called, and the Clerk reported that fifty members had answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Iseminger,
Baird,	Jackson,
Baker, A. J.,	Kelly,
Baker, Abraham,	King,
Barber,	Leech,
Barton,	Lex,
Bevan,	Marsh,
Boyle,	Martin,
Bradford,	Mascher,
Bremer,	Mccutchen,
Bromley,	Miller,
Brown, Benjamin H.	Murphy,
Brown, M. C.	McCleary,
Butler,	McMakin,
Craven,	McManus,
Deal, Wm.,	McNeal,
Dutton,	Northrop,
Elliott,	O'Neill,
Findlay,	Owen,
Fitler,	Parker,
Ford,	Potter,
Hagner,	Robb,
Hassinger,	Roberts, T. J.,
Holman,	Winship,
Horrocks,	Wright.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 31, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance for the better preservation of the Records in the office of the City Commissioners, and to limit the expenses of making out Tax Duplicates and make an appropriation for the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Fourth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Findlay

Moved to strike out "6," in the fourth and seventh lines, and insert "7."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Fifth Section was agreed to

Mr. Northrop

Moved to add a new Section, to be called Section 6, as follows:

Section 6. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances relating to the Department of City Commissioners, passed or in force prior to the 14th day of August, 1856, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Agreed to

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, on page 169 of the Journal, "admitting the Northern Liberty Hose Company into the Fire Department."

Mr. O'Neill

Asked for a division of the question.

The question being on the first division, viz: "to suspend the order of the day."

It was not agreed to.

Bill No. 3, Common Council File, "To fix and establish the mode of Curbing and Paving, and of Grading and Constructing Culverts, within the City of Philadelphia," being the order of the day,

Council proceeded to the consideration of the Sixth Section.

Mr. Owen

Moved to amend by striking out the words "some one or two of the Supervisors to be designated by him," and insert "the Supervisor of the district."

Not agreed to.

The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Sections were then agreed to.

The Ninth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out, in the first line, "curbing and."

Agreed to.

The Ninth Section as amended was agreed to.

The Tenth Section was agreed to.

The Eleventh Section being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to strike out the entire section.

Mr. Potter

Moved to amend "to postpone the further consideration of the Ordinance and that it be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

Mr. Bremer

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Amendments by Select Council to the Resolution placing the Public Halls at the disposal of the Mayor and Police Committee.

Agreed to.

Mr. Bremer

Moved that this Council concur in the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Dutton and Fitler,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Wm. Deal, Elliott, Findlay, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Meeutchen, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Robb and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Boyle, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Dutton, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Kelly, King, Marsh, Murphy, O'Neill, Owen, Parker and Potter.

Yeas 27. Nays 17.

Council concurred.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution admitting the Northern Liberty Hose Company into the Fire Department.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 13, Common Council File, "to authorize the sale of two certain yearly rent charges."

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Owen

Moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the First Section as follows: add, after the word "charges," in the fifth line, "and when said City shall be so enabled, the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to execute and deliver, with the Seal of the Corporation, proper deeds, releases or extinguishments therefor."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Bill was then read by its Title and passed.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, making an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the City Ice Boat, on leave granted, submitted a report in relation to the same. (Appendix No. 131.)

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Mr. O'Neill

Asked for a division of the question.

The question being on the first division, viz: to suspend the order of the day.

It was agreed to.

The second division was also agreed to.

The Bill being under consideration,

The First Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Bradford

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council, to provide for the payment of Lane Schofield.

Mr. O'Neill

Asked for a division of the question.

The question being on the first division,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day for general purposes.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Craven

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 9, Select Council File.

Mr. Parker

Asked a division of the question.

The question being on the first division,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 1, Common Council File, as amended by Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to effect uniformity in Numbering Houses."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Third Section being under consideration,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and that it be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Not agreed to.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council, providing for the appointment of Standing Committees of Council.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Miller,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barber, Barton, Bradford, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Ford, Jackson, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, Murphy, McMakin, O'Neill, Parker and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, M. C. Brown, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Hagner,

Hassinger, Kelly, King, McCleary, Northrop, Owen, Potter, Robb, T. J. Roberts and Wright.

Yeas 23. Nays 19.

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Ordinance from Select Council, read June 12th, in relation to Joint Committees, be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, Appendix No. 53, Common Council, authorizing the paving of certain streets.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to. 17

Mr. McCleary,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved, That Common Council informs Select Council, that they will meet them in Convention on the 4th of September, at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of electing one City Commissioner, in accordance with Section 46, of the Act of Consolidation.

Mr. McCleary.

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being under consideration,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Robb, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. King and Parker.

Yeas 33. Nays 2.

A quorum of members not voting,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 4th, 1856.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Kelly

Moved that Mr. Leech take the Chair.

Agreed to.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,

Messrs. Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Hassinger,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lcx,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mccutchen,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,

Messrs. McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,[†]
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,

Messrs. Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,
Slocum,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Wright.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Presented a petition from Citizens of Second Precinct, First Ward, asking for a change of place of holding elections.

Mr. Melloy,

One from Citizens of Fourth Precinct, Twentieth Ward, against a change of place of holding elections.

Mr. O'Neill,

One of like import from Citizens of the Eighth Precinct, Third Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Elliott

Presented a petition from Citizens of the Third Precinct, Seventh Ward, asking for a change of place of holding elections.

Mr. Elliott,

On leave granted, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, That hereafter the qualified voters of

the Third Division, of the Seventh Ward, shall hold all Municipal and General Elections at the house of Andrew Morrow, South West corner of Thirteenth and Lombard streets.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Boyle,

One from property holders and residents in the vicinity of Ninth and Morris streets, in the First Ward, asking that a nuisance may be abated.

Mr. Sorver,

A Bill from Black and Raub for paving stone.

Mr. McCleary,

A petition from Electra Hess, asking for an appropriation to pay damages reported in her favor, by a Road Jury and confirmed by Court.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Northrop,

A communication from Citizens protesting against the erection of a Hospital on Hart Lane.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, against the removal of the Hospital for yellow fever from its present location,

Which were referred to the Committee on Health.

Mr. Northrop,

A communication from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Schuylkill River at Chestnut street.

Mr. Ford,

A petition from owners of property on Eighth street, between Poplar street and Girard Avenue, asking permission to construct a Culvert.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Vanhorn,

A Bill from Messrs. Hancock and Fox, for Bricks furnished the City in 1855.

Mr. O'Neill,

A Bill from Jacob Smith, for repairs to Court Rooms, ordered by the City Commissioners.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. McCleary,

A petition from owners of property and residents on Howard street, between York street and Cumberland Avenue, asking that Water Pipe may be laid.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Borie,

One from Citizens and property owners of Seventh Ward, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed on Owen, between Thirteenth and Juniper streets, below Lombard.

Mr. William Deal,

One from Citizens and occupiers of property on Broad street, between Girard and Columbia Avenues, asking that Public Lamps may be placed thereon.

Also,

One of like import, from Citizens residing on the north side of George street, east of Broad street.

Mr. Bromley,

One of like import, from Citizens residing on Cresson and Robinson streets, Manayunk.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a resolution, approving of the Sureties of William McGlensey and Robert B. Quale, as Clerks in the Department of Highways. (Appendix No. 132.)

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported back as committed, an Ordinance from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to pay the interest and costs on warrants in suits against the City," with amendments. (Appendix No. 133.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

To which was referred a Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the laying of Water Pipe on Coral street, from Cumberland to Adams street, Nineteenth Ward, reported the same as committed, and recommend that Common Council concur. (Appendix No. 134.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Horrocks

Moved to amend by adding as follows :

"Also, that Water Pipes shall be laid in Delaware Avenue, from Callowhill to Poplar street."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the resolution from Select Council, authorizing the laying of water pipes on Cumber-

land street, and recommend concurrence therein. (Appendix No. 135.)

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, a Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the laying of water pipes on Franklin and Dickenson streets, and recommend concurrence therein. (Appendix No. 136.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to strike out the proviso.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Boyle,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barton, Boller, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McManus, Owen, Potter, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Crease, William Deal, McMakin, O'Neill, Schofield and Stevenson.

Yeas 44. Nays 9.

Agreed to.

Also,

Reported back as committed, a resolution from Select Council, authorizing the laying of Water Pipe in Clinton and other streets, and recommend that Common Council concur therein. (Appendix No. 137.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend, by inserting the word "feet," after "230," in second line from the bottom.

Agreed to.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

To which was referred the petition, asking for the grading of Manatawna street, in the Twenty-first Ward, submitted a report, with a resolution, authorizing the grading of the same. (Appendix No. 138.)

The resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report, with resolutions, authorizing the grading and paving of Mechanic and other streets, and regulating the width of the same. (Appendix No. 139.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boller

Moved to amend as follows:

"Providing the cost shall not exceed three hundred dollars."

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend the amendment, as follows: "Provided the sum to be expended shall not exceed three hundred dollars."

Agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend, by striking out "otherwise," where it occurs.

Agreed to.

Also,

Moved to add at the end of resolution, "Provided said contract shall be approved by Councils."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution as amended,

It was adopted.

The second Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Potter,

From the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report with a Bill, entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance to forbid that any work shall be done without the authority of Councils, approved May 17th, 1856." (Appendix No. 140.)

Mr. Potter

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Potter,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger

Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Vanhorn, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Bevan, Bremer, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Kelly, King, Miller, Parker, Slocum, Snyder, Stevenson and Vodges.

Yeas 44. Nays 13.

It was agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. King

Moved to postpone the subject until the first Thursday in November. :

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Dougherty,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Boyle, William Deal, Dougherty, Fitler, Hagner, Kelly, King, Mecutchen, Mickle, Miller, Parker, Snyder, Stevenson, and Vanhorn.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Ford, Geiss, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 15. Nays 40.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Porter

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising, to wit :

Messrs. Catherwood, McMakin, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Borie, Alexander, Lindsay, Bradford, Iseminger, Lex, and Porter.

The question being "shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Stevenson,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, Dutton, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Lex, Lindsay, Melloy, McMakin, McManus, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bromley, Butler, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Hagner, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Leech, Mascher, Meeutchen, Mickle, Miller, O'Neill, Parker, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Stevenson, Vanhorn, and Vogdes.

Yeas 28. Nays 32.

It was not agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Fitler, Hagner, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Meeutchen, Mickle, Miller, Parker, Ridgway, Snyder, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Vogdes.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Barber, Boller, Borie, Bradford, Bromley, Brouse, Catherwood,

Crease, Dutton, Elliott, Ford, Geiss, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Welsh and Winship.

Yeas 23. Nays 36.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Dougherty,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Borie, Bradford, Bromley, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, Dutton, Elliott, Ford, Geiss, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, McCleary, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abr'm Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Bremer, Craven, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Fitler, Hagner, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Mecutchen, Mickle, Miller, McMakin, Ridgway, Robb, Slocum, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Vogdes.

Yeas 31. Nays 27.

It was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. King

Moved that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Highways, who shall inquire whether the bills mentioned in the Second Section of said Ordinance have been contracted in violation of Ordinance.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Dougherty,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Bremer, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Fitler, Hagner, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Mecutchen, Miller, Parker, Robb, Slocum, Stevenson and Vanhorn.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, Dutton, Geiss, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, McCleary, McManus, McManus, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 22. Nays 29.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Second Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Dougherty,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, Dutton, Ford, Geiss, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, McCleary, McManus, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Fitler, Hagner, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, Robb, Slocum, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Vodges.

Yeas 28. Nays 21.

It was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Potter

Moved to suspend the rules, and that the Bill be read a third time by its title.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Dougherty,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, Dutton, Ford, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, McCleary, McManus, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boyle, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Hagner, Horrocks, Kelly, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, Parker, Robb, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Vogdes.

Yeas 28. Nays 20.

It was not agreed to.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, Sept. 4th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinance and Joint Resolution have been approved and signed, viz:

On the 29th ult., an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to change the boundary lines of the Fourth Division of the Nineteenth Ward, to create an additional Division in said Ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division."

On the 29th ult., a further Supplement to the Joint Resolutions, approved March 19, 1855, entitled "Joint Resolutions relative to changing the Election Divisions of the Second Ward and places of holding the elections."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

The President

Presented an unpaid order from the County Commissioners, for Services rendered by Edward Schlem, as Tipstave, in the Quarter Sessions, for the month of July, 1853.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A communication from the Guardians of the Poor, asking for an appropriation for out-door relief to the Poor of the City.

Referred to the Committee on Poor.

Also,

A communication from George W. McMahan, late Register of the Department of Water, exhibiting a statement of the receipts and payments, from January 1st, 1856, to August 16th, 1856, the amount of water rents unpaid, and the balance of appropriation to the credit of the Department, on the first of July last.

Also,

A petition from owners of property on Twenty-first street, between Spring Garden and Coates streets, asking that Water Pipe may be laid.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A petition from John M. Henderson, asking for the payment of certain claims.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Resolution, "authorizing Water Pipes to be laid on certain streets."

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A Resolution to curb, grade and pave Earle and Capitol streets.

Also,

A Resolution to complete the grading of Thirty-fifth street and Chelton Avenue.

Also,

A Resolution to grade and pave Apple street and Delaware Avenue.

Also,

That they had concurred in a Resolution from Common Council to authorize the paving of Bedford and other streets, with amendments.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they had concurred in a Resolution from Common Council to issue proposals for cleaning the streets.

Laid on the Table.

Also,

A Resolution in reference to a system of street nomenclature.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to procure Water Pipes and invite proposals for a supply of Coal for the Works under his charge.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A Resolution to locate certain Election Houses.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

A Resolution admitting the Moyamensing Hose Company to the Fire Department.

Laid on the Table.

Mr Hassinger

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution from Select Council, to procure Water Pipes and invite proposals for Coal, etc.

Agreed to.

Mr Barber

Moved to amend the second Resolution by inserting "public" before "proposals."

Agreed to.

The Resolutions as amended were adopted.

Mr Bradford,

On leave granted, read in place a supplement to an Ordinance regulating Pawnbrokers.

Referred to to the Committee on Law.

Mr Butler,

On leave granted, presented a communication from John Welsh, Esq., President of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, requesting Councils to aid them, in finishing and making the Road productive.

Referred to a Special Committee consisting of the Committees of Finance and Rail Roads.

Mr. Iseminger,

On leave granted, presented a petition from owners of property in Letitia street, north of Chestnut, asking that Water Pipes may be laid.

Mr. Holman,

On leave granted, presented a petition of like import from owners of property fronting on Poplar street west of Nineteenth.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr Dougherty

Asked a call of the House.

The Roll was called and the Clerk reported that forty-six members answered to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Masher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Potter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh and Wright.

Mr. Crease

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution, Appendix No. 19, page 51, to re-survey and regulate the Twenty-first Ward.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council, to the Resolution to issue proposals for cleaning the streets.

Agreed to.

The amendments were concurred in.

Mr. McCleary

Offered the following :

Resolved, That Common Council proceed to elect a Director of the Girard College, to fill the vacancy in the Board.

Mr. Parker

Asked a call of the House.

The Roll was called and the Clerk reported that forty members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brawn, Brouse, Butler, Crease, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Welsh.

Mr. Holman

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Asked a call of the House.

The Roll was called and the Clerk reported that thirty eight members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Crease, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Vogdes.

Mr Parker,

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr Dougherty,

Asked a call of the House.

The Roll was called and the Clerk reported that thirty one members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Leech, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McManus, Potter, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum and Sorver.

Mr McMakin,

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 11th, 1856.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Mascher

Moved that Mr. Leech take the Chair.

Agreed to.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Boric,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,

Messrs. Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Mickie,
Miller,

Messrs. Monaghan,
Murphy,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Robb,

Messrs. Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,
Slocum,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Elliott

Presented a Petition from John Lucas, asking indemnity and renumeration for injuries sustained by himself and wife, by an obstruction on Christian street, east of Broad.

Mr. Craven,

A Bill from Alderman McKenny, for services as Police Magistrate of the Fifth Ward, for months of April and May, 1855.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wright,

A Petition from Citizens, asking that gas lamps may be placed on Powell street, from Vinyard to Poplar streets, and on Poplar, from Nineteenth to Twenty-first streets.

Also,

One of like import from Citizens of the vicinity of the corner of Seventeenth and Cambridge streets.

Mr. Brownholtz,

One of like import from Citizens residing on and near Broad street, from Columbia Avenue to Lehigh Avenue.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hagner,

A Communication from F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer, asking for change in items of appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. O'Neill,

A Petition from Citizens and owners of property of the Seventeenth Ward, asking that the intersection corner of Cadwallader, Master and Second streets, may be paved.

Also,

One from owners of property, on Commerce street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Mr. Melloy,

One from property owners on Marshall street, from Jefferson to Montgomery street, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Marvine street, between Master and Jefferson streets, and Girard Avenue, between Tenth and Twentieth streets, in the Twentieth Ward.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Sixth street, from Montgomery to Germantown Road.

Mr. Marsh,

A Remonstrance from owners of property on the Lancaster Turnpike, westward of Thirty-fifth street, against paving the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Barber,

A Petition from owners of property on Monroe street, from Palmer to Cherry street, asking that Water Pipes may be laid in the same.

Mr. Melloy,

One of like import from owners of property on Marshall street, from Oxford to Montgomery streets.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Germantown Road.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

The President

Presented a communication from the Guardians of the Poor, asking for an appropriation to make repairs and improvements in the Steam Heating Apparatus of the Hospital and Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that it be referred to a Special Committee of Five.

Agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Stevenson, William Deal, Elliott, King and Booth the Committee.

Also,

A Bill from Samuel Bardeer, for services as Messenger and Janitor of the Commissioners Hall, of the late District of Penn.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A Petition from owners of property of the late Borough of White Hall, asking that Pratt street, in the Twenty-third Ward, may be put in travelling condition.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

One from Joseph Wood, asking that Gas may be introduced into the Public Lamps in Seventh street, from Master to Jefferson streets, in the Twentieth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Also,

A Communication from J. F. Knorr, Esq., extending an invitation to Members to attend the exhibition of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Which was on motion accepted.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia, September 11th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions, have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 5th inst., an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance, making appropriations to the companies composing the Fire Department, of the City of Philadelphia."

On the 6th inst., an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the better preservation of the records in the Office of the City Commissioners, and to limit the expenses of making out Tax Duplicates, and make an appropriation for the same."

On the 10th inst., an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the sale of two certain yearly rent charges."

On the 5th inst., "A Resolution making an appropriation to the Webster School."

On the 10th inst., "A Resolution relative to the change of certain items of appropriation to the Department of Police."

On the 10th inst., "A Resolution relative to the place of holding the Election in the Seventh Division of the First Ward."

On the 10th inst., "A Resolution to place the Moyamensing and other Halls at the disposal of the Mayor and Committee on Police."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. McManus

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, that this Council proceed to the Election of a Director of Girard College, at 5 o'clock, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Richard Rush, Esq.

Agreed to.

Mr. Butler,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain expenses incurred in Lighting the City." (Appendix No. 141.)

Mr. Butler

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a Report with a Resolution, to repair Chestnut street, from Water street to Delaware Avenue. (Appendix No. 142.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported Resolutions from Select Council, to complete the grading of Thirty-fifth street and Chelton Avenue, and pave and grade Girard Avenue from Sixth to Seventh street, as committed, with a recommendation that Council adopt the same. (Appendix No. 143.)

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported a Resolution to pave Centre and other streets in the Fifteenth and First Wards. (Appendix No. 144.)

Read twice and adopted

Also,

Reported a Resolution as a substitute for one from Select Council, to grade Tenth street from Montgomery street to the Township Line. (Appendix No. 145.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. O'Neill

Asked for a division of the question.

The First Division was agreed to.

The Second Division was agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a Report with a Resolution from Select Council, as committed, authorizing the grading and paving Twelfth street, from Stiles street to Columbia Avenue; also portions of Apple street and Delaware Avenue, and recommend its adoption. (Appendix No. 146.)

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

Chairman of the Committee on City Property,

To which was referred the Ordinance from Select Council, making an appropriation for repairs to the Wire Bridge, reported the same as committed, with a recommendation that it be passed. (Appendix No. 147.)

Mr. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Roberts

Presented a communication from the Commissioner on City Property, asking for an appropriation to renew the Policy of Insurance on the City Carpenter Shop.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

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Mr. O'Neill

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council, relative to the Standing Committees of Councils.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Catherwood and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Barton, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Bremer, Craven, Ford, Geiss, Harper, Henry, Iseminger, Jackson, Lecch, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Mickle, Miller, Murphy, Mc Makin, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Porter, Recktenwald, Spencer Roberts, Schofield and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abr'm Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Wm. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Mecutchen, Monaghan, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Potter, Robb, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Wright.

Yeas 33. Nays 34.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance "To provide for the payment of the Claim of Lane Schofield."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Mickle,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Dutton, Elliott, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Lecch, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vodges and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Horrocks, King, Lex, Marsh, Mickle, Miller, Spencer Roberts, Slocum and Snyder.

Yeas 36. Nays 20.

It was agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend by adding thereto as follows; "Provided that the same shall be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the Section as amended,

It was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading of the bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Harper,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Bevan, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Boller, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Findlay, Fitler, Hagner, Harper, Horrocks, King, Lex, Marsh, Mickle, Miller, Parker and Slocum.

Yeas 42. Nays 20.

It was agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

The hour of 5 having arrived, Council proceeded to the election of a Director of the Girard College, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Richard Rush, Esq.

Mr. McManus

Nominated James Martin.

Mr. Parker

Nominated Arthur G. Coffin.

The Clerk reported that sixty-five votes had been cast, of which,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Snyder, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, and Winship,

50, voted for James Martin.

Messrs. Barber, Boller, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Elliott, Harper, Henry, King, Lex, Marsh, Mickle, Parker, T. J. Roberts, and Spencer Roberts,

15, voted for Arthur G. Coffin.

James Martin having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

Mr. Owen in the chair.

Mr. Leech,

On leave granted, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five be appointed for the purpose of examining all Books, Papers, Vouchers, Warrants and other accounts in the office of the City Treasurer, in whose favor the warrants are drawn, and to whom paid, also the amount received by the Treasurer, from the various departments of the City. Also the amount received from each department separately, and the amounts paid out by the Treasurer upon each appropriation, to whom paid, the date of payment, and that the Committee send for persons and papers in making said examination.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Craven and Hagner,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abr'm Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bromley, B. H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vodges, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

Yeas 62. Nays none.

It was adopted.

The Chairman

Appointed Messrs. Leech, Miller, Iseminger, Elliott and Booth the Committee.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Bill No. 17, Common Council File, entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance approved August 1854, entitled an Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of City Property.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to strike out "First day of July next," in the third line, and insert in lieu thereof, "passage hereof."

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to strike out "are," in the third line, and insert "is," and in the second line strike out "and the Department of Wharves and Landings."

Mr. Miller,

Moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "Department of Market Houses," in second line.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Elliott

Moved to amend further as follows :

That the Ordinance now under consideration, be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Committees of Markets and Wharves and Landings, to report an Ordinance consolidating the above named department into one department, to be called the Department of Markets, Wharves and Landings.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to indefinitely postpone the subject.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Northrop,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Boller, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Holman, Iseminger, Lex, Lindsay, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Recktenwald, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Kelly, King, Leech, Marsh, Mascher, Mecutchen, Mickle, Northrop, Parker, Porter, Robb, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson and Vanhorn.

Yeas 24. Nays 28.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to insert in the amendment of Mr. Elliott, after the word "report", in the third line, "as to the expediency of."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Elliott,

It was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment to strike out "the Department of Wharves and Landings,"

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Kelly,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Boyle, M. C. Brown, Dougherty, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Kelly, Monaghan, Northrop, Parker, Robb, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Findlay, Ford, Holman, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Slocum, Sorver, Vodges, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 14. Nays 33.

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison for the use of the Debtors’ apartment.”

Also,

A Resolution approving of the security of Thomas E. Gaskill, as Collector of Revenue at the City Tobacco Warehouse.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they had concurred in a Resolution from Common Council to pave Pritchett and Apple streets, with amendments.

Mr. Miller

Moved that Common Council concur in the amendments.

Agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed an Ordinance, to make an appropriation to pay a certain balance due upon a contract for the construction of the Water Works, in West Philadelphia.

Also,

A Resolution to lay Water Pipe on Howard street, Girard Avenue and Bradford's alley.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A Resolution to grade and pave Girard Avenue, from Sixth to Seventh streets.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Resolution from Common Council, authorizing the paving and repaving of a portion of Lancaster Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, with an amendment.

Mr. Vogdes

Moved that Council concur in the amendment.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they had concurred in a Resolution from Common Council, to authorize the owners of property on Bedford, from Eighteenth to Twentieth streets, and Shippen, from Eighteenth to Twentieth streets, and Nineteenth, from South to Fitzwater streets, to pave the same, with amendments.

Mr. Winship

Moved that Council concur in the amendments.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they had concurred in the following Resolutions:

To authorize the paving and grading of Barlow street, in the First Ward, and of Centre street, in the Fifteenth Ward;

To authorize the grading of Morris street, from Sixth to Tenth streets, in the First Ward;

To authorize the re-paving of Ninth street, and Second street, in the Third Ward;

To authorize the grading of Spruce street, from Till street, westward, to Mill creek, in the Twenty-fourth Ward ;

To construe the resolution authorizing the grading of Parke street, in the Twenty-second Ward.

Mr. Potter

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the supplement to the Bill, forbidding that any work shall be done by the Department of Highways, without consent of Councils.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Ford, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, Robb, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Boller, Boyle, Findlay, Hagner, Kelly and Northrop.

Yeas 32. Nays 6.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty,

Moved to adjourn

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 18th, 1856.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Potter

Moved that Mr. Leech take the Chair.

Agreed to.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Booth,
Boric,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bromley,
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,

Messrs. Findlay,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,

Messrs. Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Reed,

Messrs. Robb,
Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,
Slocum,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Announced the death of Thomas Hall, one of the Messengers of Common Council, and offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That this Chamber has heard with deep regret of the death of Thomas Hall, its late Messenger, and while expressing its sorrow at this lamentable occurrence, the members thereof take occasion to express their deep and earnest sympathy with the family of Mr. Hall, in this, their sad bereavement.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Iseminger

Presented a petition from owners of property on Lindsay street, asking that the same may be paved between Shippen and Fitzwater streets, and Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Mr. O'Neill.

A remonstrance against paving Girard Avenue, between Seventh and Tenth streets.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

A petition from owners of property in the Twenty-second Ward, asking for repairs to a Bridge on Green Lane.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that Walnut street, from Mill Creek to Rabbit Lane, may be graded, the Bridge finished, and a Culvert constructed across the said street.

Mr. Crease,

One from Citizens of Twenty-first Ward, asking that curb lines may be fixed on Church street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Crease

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, on page 51, Common Council Appendix, directing the Department of Surveys to prepare a revised plan of the regulations and grades of a portion of the Twenty-first Ward.

Mr. Dougherty

Asked for a division of the question.

The question being on the first division,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Booth,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Dougherty, Mecutchen, T. J. Roberts and Sorver.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, Davis, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iscminge, Kelly,

Kershaw, King, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, Murphy, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Potter, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Stevenson, Vogdes and Wright.

Yeas 4. Nays 49.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Lindsay,

Presented a petition from owners of property on Wyoming street, from Shippen to Fitzwater sts., and from Fifteenth to Sixteenth streets, asking that water pipe may be laid.

Mr. Miller,

One of like import from owners of property on Brown street, from Ridge Avenue to Sixteenth street.

Mr. Henry,

One from Washington Garrett and Paul Conrad, asking for compensation for extra services as Enginemen at Fairmount Water Works.

Mr. Hagner,

One from owners of property on Spring Garden street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, asking that water pipe may be laid.

Mr. Wright,

One of like import from the owners of the Union Drove Yard, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Also,

One of like import from property owners on Francis street, between Ridge Avenue and Eighteenth street, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. Horrocks,

One of like import from owners of property on Cherry street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Miller,

One from residents on Erie street, between Catharine and Christian streets, and Tenth and Eleventh streets, asking that Public Lamps may be placed thereon.

Mr. Potter,

One from M. J. Mitcheson, Attorney for the Northern Home for Friendless Children, and other citizens, asking that Public Lamps may be placed in front of said institution, and at the Corner of Twenty-fifth and Brown streets.

Mr. McManus,

One of like import from citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, residing in the vicinity of Ball and Beach streets.

Mr. Spencer Roberts,

One of like import from citizens residing on Mill street, Twenty-second Ward, at its intersection with the German-town Rail Road.

Mr. Porter,

One of like import from residents on Christian street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Mascher,

One from citizens of the Eleventh Ward, asking that they may be supplied with Gas from the City Gas Works.

Mr. Murphy,

One from owners of property on Hancock, between Phoenix and Master streets, asking that Gas may be introduced into the Public Lamps.

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Holman,

A communication from E. Jared Megonegal, asking payment for services rendered in the office of the City Commissioners, in the year 1855.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, September 18th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 17th inst., "A Resolution to authorize the grading of Union street, between Moore and Cramond streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward."

On the 17th inst., "A Resolution to authorize the paving and repaving of portions of Lancaster Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward."

On the 17th inst., "A Resolution admitting the Diligent Hose Company, Washington Engine Company, West Philadelphia Hose Company, Good Intent Hose Company, Hope Hose Company and Mount Airy Engine Company into the Fire Department."

On the 17th inst., "A Resolution to authorize the grading of Spruce street, from Till street, westward, to Mill creek, in the Twenty-fourth Ward."

On the 17th inst., "A Resolution authorizing property holders in the First, Thirteenth and Twentieth Wards, to have paved certain streets therein named."

On the 12th inst., "A Resolution to construe the Resolution authorizing the grading of Parke street, in the Twenty-second Ward."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also,

A communication from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, calling attention of Councils to the

bad condition of certain streets, and asking authority to proceed with repairs.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

One from Mr. McGowan, asking that water may be introduced into the grounds occupied by the United States Agricultural Society, on the occasion of its approaching exhibition.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Kelly

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That Common Council do now proceed to elect a Messenger, in place of Thomas Hall, deceased.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Holman

Nominated Isaiah H. Butler.

Mr. Barber

Nominated James Zimmerman.

The Clerk reported that 63 votes had been cast, of which

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, A. J. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Wm. Deal, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Mc Neal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship and Wright,

55, voted for Isaiah H. Butler.

Messrs. Barber, Booth, Davis, Harper, Hubbard, King, Parker and Ridgway,

8, voted for James Zimmerman.

Isaiah H. Butler having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected, and was sworn in by the President.

Mr. McCleary

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That as the seat of Daniel McCleary has been disputed by a member of this House, and he wishing not to occupy that to which he is not entitled, asks that a Committee of five be appointed, that Samuel Stevenson be made Chairman of said Committee, and the President appoint the balance.

Mr. McCleary.

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to lay the Resolution on the table.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend by referring the resolution to the Committee on Law.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen,

On leave granted,

Read in place an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of Market Houses."

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone and print for the use of the members.

Not agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following, as an additional Section, to be "Section 4."

SECTION 4.—That the election of Superintendent of Markets, shall take place on the Fourth Meeting of Council, in September, of each and every year.

Mr. Parker

Moved to refer the Bill to a Special Committee, composed of the Committees of Markets and Wharves and Landings.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Harper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barber, Booth, Davis, Dutton, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, King and Ridgway.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Recktenwald, Reed, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

Yeas 10. Nays 54.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of Section 4, as offered by Mr. O'Neill,

It was agreed to.

The Fifth Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Findlay

Moved to reconsider the Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Law, relative to the disputed seat of Daniel McCleary.

Agreed to.

Mr. Findlay

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Resolution, and offered the following, in lieu thereof:

Whereas, It is alleged that Daniel McCleary, a member of this Council, holds an office under the Government of the United States, incompatible with his right to a seat in this body.

Resolved, That the Committee on Law be instructed to inquire and report to this Council, whether Daniel McCleary, a member thereof, holds any office or appointment which disqualifies him from holding a seat in this body, with power to send for persons or papers.

The motion to postpone was agreed to.

And the Resolution read twice and adopted.

Mr. Winship,

On leave granted, offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Department of Water Works, be authorized to grant the use of water free of charge to the United States Agricultural Society, during their present Exhibition, in the month of October next, provided the said Society lay the pipes, and make the necessary connections, at their own cost, under the supervision of the Chief Engineer.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Reed,

On leave granted, presented a petition from owners of property on Wood street, between Sixth and Eighth streets, in the Thirteenth Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Butler,

One from citizens of Sixth Precinct, Eighth Ward, asking for a change of Precinct House.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Resolution, approving of Henry Bickly and William F. Potts, as sureties for S. P. Fearon, Chief Engineer elect, of the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 148.)

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported back as committed, an Ordinance from Select Council, to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the use of the Debtors' Apartment. (Appendix No. 149.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. McCleary

Presented a communication from the Widow of Thomas Hall, deceased, late Messenger to Common Council, asking payment of a bill amounting to \$ 3.13, for Postage paid by him.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that the Clerk settle with the Widow of the late Messenger, up to October next.

Mr. Harper

Moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That a Warrant be drawn in favor of the widow of Thomas Hall, deceased, late Messenger of Council, for the sum of one hundred dollars.

Agreed to,

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Reported as committed, an Ordinance from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to pay a certain balance, due upon a contract, for the construction of the Water Works, in West Philadelphia, with accompanying documents, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Finance." (Appendix No. 150.)

Report adopted, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, authorizing water pipes to be laid on Nineteenth and other streets, and recommend concurrence therein. (Appendix No. 151.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, a Resolution from Select Council, authorizing water pipes to be laid on Howard and other streets, and recommend concurrence therein. (Appendix No. 152.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported a Resolution authorizing water pipes to be laid on Eagle, and other streets. (Appendix No. 153.)

Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Reported a Resolution, authorizing the owners of property, to pave Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Germantown Road, and Mervine street, between Master and Jefferson streets, in the Twentieth Ward. (Appendix No. 154.)

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the grading of Queen and Sharpnack streets, in the Twenty-second Ward, and recommend concurrence therein. (Appendix No. 155.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the paving of Girard Avenue, between Seventh and Tenth streets. (Appendix No. 156.)

Mr. Parker

Moved that the subject be referred back to the Committee.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend, "That it lie upon the table."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

On leave granted, presented the following Joint Resolution :

Resolved, by the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the City Controller be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to approve Bill, and countersign Warrant, in favor of P. McLaughlin, in the sum of twelve dollars and eighty-two cents, being the amount of bill and cost for which judgment has been obtained against the City, before Alderman Clark.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

Chairman of the Committee on City Property,

Reported an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Commissioner of City Property, to pay Insurance on City Carpenter Shop. (Appendix No. 157.)

Mr. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Abraham Baker,

On leave granted, offered the following Joint Resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the qualified voters of the Fourth Division of the Ninth Ward, shall hereafter vote at all Municipal and General Elections in said Division, at the White Bear Hotel kept by Taylor Ingram, on the north side of Market, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Barton,

Chairman of the Committee on Health,

To which was referred a communication from the Board of Health, asking for an appropriation to the City Hospital, reported a Resolution that the subject be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 158.)

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

And the communication was so referred.

Also,

Reported a Resolution requiring the Committee on Health of each Chamber of Councils, to confer with the Sanitary Committee of the Board of Health, in reference to the selection of a suitable site, for the erection of the City Hospital, and report to Council. (Appendix No. 159.)

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Law,

Reported as committed, the Resolutions from Select Council, fixing the places of holding the Elections, in the

Third and Eighth Divisions, Twentieth Ward, and recommend that Council concur therein. (Appendix No. 160.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr Baird,

On leave granted, offered the following Joint Resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, that the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be, and he is hereby authorized to have Dock street Wharf raised and put in tenantable condition ; also to have a fence placed on lot fronting on Coates street and Delaware Avenue ; also to have Dock at foot of Catharine street cleaned, under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Lindsay,

Read in place, an Ordinance to open Fitzwater street, from Long Lane to Grays Ferry Road, Catharine from Broad to Grays Ferry Road, Christian from Irish Track Lane to Grays Ferry Road and Fifteenth from Carpenter to Prime street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Henry

Read in place an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department for the purposes therein named.

Laid on the table.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 21, Common Council File, "to fix the lines on the Delaware River beyond which no Pier nor Wharf can be constructed."

Mr. Potter

Called for the order of the day.

Mr. William Deal

Offered the following Joint Resolution :

Resolved, By Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the owners of property on Cambridge street, from Sixteenth to Girard Avenue, be notified to curb and pave their footways, according to law.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Wright

Offered the following Joint Resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the owners of property on Mary street, from Thompson to Jefferson streets, be notified to curb and pave their footways, according to law.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Melloy

Offered the following Joint Resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of property on Franklin street, between Jefferson and Oxford streets, be notified to set the curb and pave the footways, according to law.

Read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed, that they had non-concurred in the amendment by Common Council, to the Ordinance to provide for the claim of Lane Schofield.

Mr. Winship

Moved that Common Council recede from its amendment.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of Market Houses.

Also,

That they had passed a Resolution requiring the qualified voters of Fourth Division, Ninth Ward, to hold the Election at the House of Taylor Ingram.

Mr. Baker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Resolution to authorize the repaving of Chestnut street, between Delaware Avenue and Water street.

Also,

To continue the grading of Tenth street, from Montgomery street to the Township Line Road.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Resolution to authorize the Department of Water Works, to grant the use of Water free to the United States Society for promoting Agriculture.

Also,

That they had passed a Resolution to hold the additional assessments at the House of Aquila Pascoe, in the Second Ward, and at Robert F. Bowers, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Holman

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Resolution to hold the additional assessments at the Seventh Precinct House, kept by Mr. Royston, S. W. corner of Brown and New Master streets, Eleventh Ward.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Resolution to hold the additional assessments of the Third Ward, at the House of Lewis B. Coffin, S. E. corner of Fifth and Queen streets.

Mr. Welsh

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice, and being under consideration,

Mr. Boyle

Moved to amend as follows: "And that the place of holding the Extra Assessments in the First Ward, shall be at the House of James McClaskey, at the junction of Pas-syunk Road and Tenth street."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

Also,

A Resolution approving of the sureties submitted by S. P. Fearon, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Laid on the Table.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Resolution to pave Centre and other streets, with the following amendment, to add after the word "Paved," in the twelfth line, and after the word "Repair," in the seventeenth line, the words "at their own cost and expense."

Laid on the table.

Also,

That they had passed Resolutions to pave Girard Avenue from Seventh to Tenth streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, to draw a warrant in favor of Joseph Fox.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

Resolutions to contract for cleaning the streets of the City.

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolutions.

Agreed to.

Mr. Welsh

Moved to postpone the consideration of the subject for the present and print the Resolution for the use of members.

Not agreed to.

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, admitting the Northern Liberty Hose Company into the Fire Department.

Mr. Potter

Called for the order of the day.

The order of the day being "An Ordinance to forbid that any work shall be done without the authority of Councils,"

The question being on the final passage of the Bill,

Mr. Leech

Moved that the Chamber resolve itself into Committee of the whole, in order to make Special Amendments.

Agreed to.

Mr. Bradford

Was called to the Chair.

After some time the Committee rose.

The Chairman

Reported the Bill, with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert as follows :

"That so much of the first section of the Ordinance to which this is a Supplement, as provides "that the provisions of the" said section of the said Ordinance "shall not apply to any repairs made necessary by accident, or other unforeseen emergency," be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the following words be substituted in lieu thereof, to wit: "that the provision of said section shall not apply to necessary repairs, or to the cleansing of streets, or to such repairs as may be rendered necessary by accident, or other unforeseen emergency."

Mr. Booth

Moved the indefinite postponement of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Booth, Boyle, J. F. Deal, Harper, Horrocks, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Mecutchen, McCleary, Northrop and Robb.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Hassinger, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Potter, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Welsh and Winship.

Yeas 14. Nays 32.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Potter.

Called the previous question and was sustained by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. McManus, Welsh, Catherwood, McMakin, Potter, Borie, Roberts, Schofield, Melloy, Dutton, Crease and Brouse.

On the question,

“ Shall the main question be now put ? ”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Hassinger, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Boyle, Leech and Stevenson.

Yeas 39. Nays 4.

It was agreed to.

The question being upon the final passage of the Bill, as reported by the Committee,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and King,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Hassinger, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kershaw, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Potter, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Kelly, King, Northrop and Stevenson.

Yeas 39. Nays 7.

It was agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council, admitting the Moyamensing Hose Company into the Fire Department.

Agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Asked for a Call of the House.

The Roll was called and the Clerk reported that thirty members had answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Borie, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Crease, J. F. Deal,

William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Hassinger, Iseminger, Kershaw, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Mc Manus, McNeal, Northrop, Porter, Robb, Slocum, Sorver, Welsh and Winship.

A quorum of members not having voted,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 25th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,
Fitler,

Messrs. Ford,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Miller,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Recktenwald,

Messrs. Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Schofield,
Slocum,
Snyder,

Messrs. Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,

Patterson, President.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Lindsay

Presented a petition from owners of property on Carpenter street, between Broad and Nineteenth streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Abraham Baker,

One of like import from residents of Ash alley and vicinity.

Mr. William Deal,

One from owners of property in the Twentieth Ward, asking that Columbia Avenue may be opened westward to the River Schuylkill.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Lindsay,

One from owners of property on the west side of Eleventh street, and on Jessup street, back of said Eleventh street, from Fitzwater to Catharine streets, asking that water pipe may be laid, and the water introduced on said streets.

Mr. McManus,

One from citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid on Aramingo street, between Frankford Road and Sepviva street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Iseminger,

One from owners of property on Seventh street, between Federal and Franklin streets, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed on the same.

Mr. O'Neill,

One of like import, from citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, owning property on Cumberland street, from Frankford Road to Richmond street.

Mr. William Deal,

One of like import, from owners of property and residents on the north side of Arch street, above Tenth street.

Mr. Brownholtz,

One of like import from owners of property in Rising Sun Village, Twenty-first Ward.

Mr. Mascher,

One of like import from owners of property on Florida street, from Fitzwater to Catharine, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Kelly,

Presented a Bill from Henry W. Speel, for indexing Assessors Book for 1856.

Mr. Lex,

One from Messrs. Swartzengrover and McInnes, for Lime furnished for repairs to State House.

Mr. Mascher,

One from James Miller, for Services as Messenger to Marshal of Police.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Welsh,

A petition from owners of property on South, between Front and Second streets, asking that the stand for empty market wagons be removed from said locality.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Abraham Baker,

One from citizens of Ninth Ward, asking that the place of holding the extra assessments of said Ward may be returned to the Western Exchange.

Mr. Potter,

One from citizens of the Sixth Precinct, Fifteenth Ward, asking a change of place of holding the Elections.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Miller,

On leave granted, read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a temporary loan."

Mr Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First section being under consideration,

Mr. Boller

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Finance,

Mr Owen,

Called the previous question and was sustained by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Barton, Craven, Welsh, Bevan, Catherwood, McMakin, Hagner, Potter, Dutton, Fitler, Murphy and Abraham Baker.

On the question,

“Shall the main question be now put?”

It was agreed to.

The main question being the motion of Mr. Boller,
“to refer the Bill to the Committee on Finance,”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs.
Booth and Owen,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abr'm Baker, Boller, Boyle, Bromley,
M. C. Brown, Craven, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Ford,
Hagner, Harper, Henry, Horrocks, King, Lex, Monaghan,
Murphy, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Potter, Ridgway, Robb,
Schofield and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barton,
Bevan, Booth, Bradford, Bremer, Brownholtz, Brouse,
Butler, Catherwood, Davis, J. F. Deal, William Deal,
Dougherty, Elliott, Hassinger, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly,
Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy,
Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Porter,
Reectenwald, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Slocum,
Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and
Wright.

Yeas 26. Nays 45.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First
Section,

It was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. McCleary

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the
Bill for the present, and print the same for the use of
members.

Not agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Third Section being under consideration,

Mr. McCleary

Called the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising in their places, to wit:

Messrs. Kelly, Catherwood, Bremer, Bevan, McCleary, Alexander, Lindsay, Iseminger, Mecutchen, Boller, Melloy, and Slocum.

On the question,

“Shall the main question be now put?”

It was agreed to.

The main question, being on the adoption of the Third Section,

It was agreed to.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill, in order that he might offer the following:

Resolved, That Common Council inform Select Council, that they will meet them in Convention at 6 o'clock, this afternoon, for the purpose of electing a Commissioner of Markets and City Commissioner.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Harper and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield,

Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, J. F. Deal, Harper, Hubbard, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Parker and Ridgway.

Yeas 53. Nays 9.

It was agreed to.

Select Council,

Informed that they had passed the following Resolution:

Resolved, That Common Council be informed that this body will meet them in Joint Convention, this afternoon at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of electing one person as City Commissioner, for the unexpired term of Joseph L. Smith, deceased, and one person as Commissioner of Markets.

Mr. McCleary

Moved that Common Council concur.

Agreed to.

The consideration of the Bill authorizing a temporary loan, being resumed,

Mr. Henry

Moved to add the following, to be Section 4, viz:

SECTION 4.—The revenues of the said City as they shall be realized, shall be, and they are hereby appropriated to the redemption of said loan.

Agreed to.

The Preamble and Title were agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Elliott

Asked leave to offer a Resolution, directing that the City Warrants should be received by the Departments as cash.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Called for the order of the day.

Mr. Elliott

Moved to suspend the order of the day.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which was referred the application of the President of the Board of Inspectors of the Philadelphia County Prison, for an additional appropriation for the current year, submitted a report, with an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the County Prison, for the year 1856, and a Resolution "To change certain items of appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison." (Appendix No. 161.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Ordinance from Select Council, to make an appropriation to pay a certain balance due upon a contract for the construction of the Water Works in West Philadelphia, with a recommendation that Council adopt the same. (Appendix No. 162.)

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Also,

Submitted a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay Claims against the corporation," with a Resolution, requiring the Clerk to publish the same in two daily newspapers of the City for four weeks. (Appendix No. 163.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Bremer,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, Northrop, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Barton, Bremer, Brownholtz, J. F. Deal, Jackson, Kelly, Melloy, McCleary, McManus and Stevenson.

Yeas 49. Nays 11.

It was agreed to.

The President

Presented a statement from F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer, of the financial condition of the Treasury, from January 1st, 1856, to September 22d, 1856. (Appendix No. 164.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A petition from Messrs. David and William Shetzline, for payment of claim for Road Damages.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A Copy of Levy upon Articles of Furniture in Common Council Chamber, made by James Alexander, Constable of Sixth Ward, on Executions in favor of Hugh De Haven and others against the City.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

The following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, September 25th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinance and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 20th inst. "An Ordinance Supplemental to an Ordinance, approved October 19th, 1854, entitled an Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of Market Houses."

On the 20th inst. a Resolution to authorize the repaving of Ninth and Second streets, in the Third Ward.

On the 23d inst. a Resolution to authorize the grading of Morris street, from Sixth to Tenth streets, in the First Ward.

Respectfully,
RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company, in relation to their application for a Temporary Loan.

Mr. Leech

Moved to refer the same to a Special Committee of five.

Mr. King

Moved to amend and refer the communication to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Resolution to pave Brown and other streets.

Also,

A Resolution to repair, grade and pave Coates street, from Twenty-fourth to Landing street.

Also,

A Resolution to complete the grading of Chelton Avenue, from Wayne Avenue to Wissahickon Street.

Also,

A Resolution to direct the property owners, on Lehigh Avenue, to pave the sidewalk from Richmond street to Frankford Road.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they had passed the following Resolution, to wit :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia; that hereafter the qualified voters of the Sixth Precinct, Eighth Ward, shall hold all Municipal and General Elections at the house of Neil McCoy, in George street, west of Twentieth street.

Read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they had passed the following Resolution, to wit :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the place for holding the Extra

Assessments in the Eighth Ward, be, and the same is hereby changed from the house of A. C. Proud, at the corner of Eleventh and Locust streets, to the house of Hugh Mooney, at the corner of Eleventh and George streets.

Read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they had passed the following Resolution, to wit :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That water pipe be laid in the following named streets :

Brown street, from Ridge Avenue, to Sixteenth street,
Cherry street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets,

Wood street, from Sixth to Eighth streets,

Francis street, from Ridge Avenue to Eighth street,

Haverford Road, between Pennsylvania Avenue and Fourth street,

Wyoming street, from Shippen to Fitzwater streets,

Spring Garden street, from Twenty-third to Twenty-fourth streets,

Girard Avenue, both sides, from Sixth to Seventh sts.,

Wood and Dorrance streets, from Prime to Carpenter streets, and

Carpenter street, from Eighteenth to Nineteenth streets.

Read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert."

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

That they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the payment of the claim of John M. Reed, Esq."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain expenses incurred in Lighting the City."

Also,

That they had concurred in the Resolution to continue and finish the grading on Manatawna street.

Mr Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

To which was referred the Petition of owners of property on Lindsay street, submitted a report with the following Resolution: (Appendix No. 165.)

Resolved, That the owners of property or a majority thereof, on Lindsay Street, between Shippen and Fitzwater streets, and Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, in the First Ward, be and they are hereby authorized to pave the same, Provided, said paving shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and that the parties contracting to do the same, enter into an agreement to keep said street in good order, for at least twelve months from the time it is opened to public use. And provided further, That the Water Pipes be first laid therein, and that the City shall not be at any expense for the paving except for the intersections.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same,

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with the following Resolution: (Appendix No. 166.)

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have the Bridge on Green Lane, near the line of the North Pennsylvania Rail Road, in the Twenty-second Ward, properly and securely repaired. Provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Craven

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 9, Select Council File, "To authorize the construction of a certain culvert."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend by striking out the words, "Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City," after the word "of," in the seventh line, and insert in lieu thereof, the word "Surveys."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend, by striking out in the seventh line, after the word "of," the word "Highways," and insert "Surveys."

Agreed to.

The Second Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title being under consideration,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to add thereto, as follows: "on Twelfth street, in the Fourteenth Ward."

Agreed to.

The Title as amended was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Winship

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, cause to be surveyed and set out by metes and bounds, a certain lot, on the Point Road, below Reed street, held by the City of Philadelphia in trust, under the will of Thomas D. Grover, deceased.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr Baird

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 21, Common Council File, "To fix the lines on the Delaware River, beyond which no Wharf nor Pier can be constructed."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report with the following Resolutions: (Appendix No. 167.)

Resolved, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, on Marshall street, between Jefferson and Montgomery streets, be, and are hereby authorized to pave the same, under the supervision of the Department of High-

ways, the water pipes being first laid therein, and the parties contracting to do the same, entering into an agreement to keep said street in good condition for at least twelve months from the time it is opened to public use. Provided, The City shall be at no expense for the same, except for the paving of the intersections.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to enter into an agreement with Henry Fulton, to grade and fill up to the proper paving level, that portion of said Marshall street, lying between Oxford and Montgomery streets, for the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars.

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Parker,

On leave granted, offered the following preamble and Resolution :

Whereas, it is expected that the President of the United States will visit the City a short time, therefore Resolved, That the Independence Hall be placed at his disposal for the reception of his friends.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop,

Called the previous question and was sustained by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Catherwood, Northrop, Miller, Baird, Hagner, Vanhorn, Potter, Wright, William Deal, Dutton, Kelly and Parker.

On the question,

“Shall the main question be now put?”

It was agreed to.

The main question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Boyle,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Potter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 43. Nays none.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution No. 169, Common Council appendix, admitting the Northern Liberty Hose Company into the Fire Department.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

From the Committee on Highways,

Reported a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for setting the curb stone and paving the gutter and foot-way of Bridge street, in the late borough of Bridesburg, Twenty-third Ward. (Appendix No. 168.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Lindsay,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby directed to have Wyoming street, from Shippen to Fitzwater between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, graded.

Mr. Owen

Moved that the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Reported a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the construction of a certain drain, on Nectarine street." (Appendix No. 169.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report, with the following Resolution:
(Appendix No. 170.)

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed to erect a protection fence around the upper end of the unfinished sewer, on Huntingdon street, and that its connection with Gunners Run be kept free to the tide.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with the following Resolution:
(Appendix No. 171.)

Resolved, That the Highway Department is authorized and hereby directed to lay a Vitrified Pipe Drain, on the line of Race street, from Sixteenth to Eighteenth street, in accordance with plans and specifications, furnished by the Department of Surveys. Provided, said work shall not be commenced until sufficient amount to cover the expenses thereof, shall be deposited to the credit of the City by those interested therein.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with the following Resolution:
(Appendix No. 172.)

Resolved, That the Highway Department is authorized and hereby directed to construct a Culvert or Drain, in accordance with plans and specifications, furnished by the Department of Surveys, along George street, between Nineteenth street and Beach street. Provided, said work shall not be commenced until sufficient amount to cover the expenses thereof, shall be deposited to the credit of the City by those interested therein.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Bill, entitled, "An Ordinance for the construction of a certain culvert, on Eighth street, from Poplar street to Girard Avenue."

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to re-commit the Bill to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report, with the following Resolution: (Appendix No. 173.)

Resolved, That the Highway Department be authorized and it is hereby directed, to construct a Wooden Trunk, from the end of the present sewer at Chestnut and Rose streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, upon the line of the old water-course, to the south line of Chestnut street, and that it shall be so covered with earth, or other material, as not to intercept travel; said work to be paid for out of the appropriation for repairs, made to said Department for the year 1856. Provided, That the expense thereof shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 2d, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Findlay,
Fitler,

Messrs. Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,

Messrs. Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, T. J.,

Messrs. Schofield,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Winship,
Wright,
Patterson, President.

Mr. Schofield

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Dutton

Presented a petition from owners of property on the south side of Carpenter street, above Seventh, asking for a Public Lamp.

Mr. Sorver,

One of like import, from owners of property on Maria street, in the Twelfth Ward.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import, from owners of property on Twenty-second street, between Green and Spring Garden and Centre streets, from Twenty-first to Twenty-second streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. Potter,

One of like import, from owners of property on Spring Garden street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Also,

One of like import, from owners of property on F street.

Mr. Melloy,

One of like import, from owners of property on Powell street, between Vinyard and Poplar and Nineteenth streets, and on Poplar street, between Nineteenth and Twenty-first streets.

Mr. Leech,

One of like import from John C. Keffer, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed at the corner of Thirty-third streets and Powelton Avenue.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Lindsay,

One from owners of property on Doak street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, and Shippen and Fitzwater streets, asking that Water Pipes may be laid.

Mr. Dougherty,

One of like import, from owners of property on Prosperous Alley, between Sixth and Seventh and Shippen and Fitzwater streets.

Mr. Owen,

One from owners of property on East Logan street, in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that a Fire Plug may be placed on said street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works

Mr. Iseminger,

A Bill from James Cowden, for Carpenter Work and Materials at Moyamensing Hall.

Mr. Martin,

A Bill from T. O. Goldsmith, late Coroner, for services.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Davis,

A petition from Citizens of the Eighth Division, Tenth Ward, asking for a change of place of holding election.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Mascher,

On leave granted, read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, approved October 19th, 1854, entitled an Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of Market Houses."

Mr. Mascher,

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Hubbard,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Isenminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, McCutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Paterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Craven, Hubbard, King, Mickle and Parker.

Yeas 56. Nays 7.

It was agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Craven

Presented the following :

Philadelphia, October 2d, 1856.

Wm. C. Patterson. Esq., President,
and Members of Common Council :

GENTLEMEN :—

Permit me to tender this, my resignation as a member of the Finance Committee, to take effect from and after this date. In resigning a position so important, I deem it proper to state, that my business relations have so changed since I accepted the position, that I cannot give the time necessary to the faithful performance of the duties.

Your Obedient Servant,

THOMAS CRAVEN,

14th Ward.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from George Megee, asking permission to make a Drain from his premises to the Parrish street Culvert, with the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that George Megee be authorized to make a Drain from his premises, No. 487 North Eighth street, into the Parrish street Culvert, under the direction of the Superintendent of Highways.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Melloy

Presented a petition from owners of property on Wood street, in the Eighteenth Ward, between Duke and Queen street, asking for a culvert.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. McManus,

One from Thomas Davison, Jr., asking to be released from a Lease of the Public Landing, at the foot of Bishop street, in the late District of Kensington.

Referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Horrocks,

A petition from Citizens of Twenty-third Ward, asking that Bridge street may be graded.

Mr. McManus,

One from owners of property at intersection of Frankford Road and Sergeant street, asking for a Drain.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from Citizens of Twenty-fourth Ward, asking for repairs to Story street, from Lancaster Turnpike to the Falls Road.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Leech,

One from Samuel Martin, and William H. Phelan, asking for payment for work done the City.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Presented a communication from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, in relation to the agreements with the several contractors for cleansing the streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

The following communication from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
October 2d, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 26th ult. a Resolution authorizing the Department of Water Works to grant the use of Water, free of charge, to the United States Society for promoting Agriculture, in the month of October next, with a certain proviso therein named.

On the 29th ult. a Resolution to notify owners of property in Cambridge street, to curb and pave their footways.

On the 29th ult. a Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer to cause Water Pipe to be laid in certain streets therein named.

On the 2d inst. a Resolution in regard to the grading of Manatawna street, in the Twenty-first Ward.

On the 29th ult. a Resolution authorizing owners of property to have certain streets paved, therein named.

On the 29th ult. a Resolution to notify owners of property on Franklin street, between Jefferson and Oxford streets, to set the curb and pave the footways.

On the 29th ult. a Resolution authorizing the City Controller to approve Bill and countersign Warrant, for twelve dollars and eighty-two cents, in favor of P. Mc Laughlin.

On the 29th ult. a Resolution to notify owners of property on Mary street, from Thompson to Jefferson streets, to curb and pave their footways.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Health, informing Council of the resignation of Dr. Thomas F. Betton, of the Twenty-second Ward, as a member of said Board.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from S. P. Fearon, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, informing Council that he had appointed Joseph L. Parry, and Edward N. Creighton, Chief and Assistant Engineers of the Steam Fire Engine "Young America," and asking that the same may be put in a condition for actual service, and that a Fire Alarm Box may be placed in his residence.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from James Horner, late Commissioner of Wharves and Landings, submitting a statement of the receipts and payments of the Department, from January 1st, 1856, to September 23d, inclusive, showing the amount unpaid on the last named date, the amount appropriated, and the disbursements and unexpended balance.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Resolution approving of the securities of John Felton and Peter B. Hinckle, Supervisors of the 22d Ward. (Appendix No. 174.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to a second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report adverse to the application of the President of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company, for an additional subscription to the Stock of said Company, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 175.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

To which was referred the Resolution from Select Council authorizing the owners of property on Girard Avenue, from Seventh to Tenth streets, to pave the same, submitted a report favorable to the same and recommending Council to concur therein. (Appendix No. 176.)

Laid on the Table.

Also,

A report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the opening of Fitzwater street, and other streets in the western part of the City. (Appendix No. 177.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Title,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Iseminger and Lindsay,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Boyle, Bradford, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Ford, Hassinger, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Sorver, Vanhorn and Vogdes.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, King, Mascher, Mickle, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Stevenson, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 31. Nays 32.

It was not agreed to.

Also,

Reported the Resolution from Select Council as committed authorizing the paving of Brown street, from Broad to Sixteenth, and Mervine, from Jefferson to Master streets. (Appendix No. 178.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution, authorizing the paving of Carpenter street, from Broad to Nineteenth streets, in the Twenty-first Ward, and Ash alley, between

Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, and Market and Chestnut streets. (Appendix No. 179.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported a Resolution authorizing the grading of Wyoming street, in the First Ward. (Appendix No. 180.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Barton,

Chairman of the Committee on Health,

To which was referred certain communications from the Board of Health, in relation to the bad condition of the streets, submitted a report requesting their reference to the Committee on Highways. (Appendix No. 181.)

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Potter,

Chairman of the Committee on Schools,

Submitted a report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to transfer an appropriation to the Controllers of Public Schools. (Appendix No. 182.)

Mr. Potter

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to refer the Ordinance back to the Committee, in order to report the appropriations specifically.

Not agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

To which was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, "to authorize the construction of a certain culvert,"

Reported the same with the following amendments, viz: strike out in seventh line, First Section, "Highways, Bridges and Sewers," and insert "Surveys;" strike out in Second Section where it occurs, the word "Highways," and insert "Surveys." (Appendix No. 183.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections as amended were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the Chief Engineer and Surveyor to draw Warrant in favor of Joseph Fox, for services rendered as Commissioner, &c. (Appendix No. 184.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone its further consideration for the present.

Agreed to.

Also,

Reported as re-committed, a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the construction of a certain culvert, on Eighth street, from Poplar street to Girard Avenue. (Appendix No. 185.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported a Bill entitled "An Ordinance Supplementary to an Ordinance, to make an appropriation to the De-

partment of Surveys, approved March 11th, 1856. (Appendix No. 186.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by a special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a Report adverse to the payment of the Claims of Thomas J. Cook, William F. Guernsey, M. D. Louis Blanche, and John Lucas, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. (Appendix No. 187.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and the consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report favorable to the payment of certain claims, with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned." (Appendix No. 188.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Fitler,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Benj. H. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, Hagner, Hassinger, Iseminger, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, O'Neill, Parker, C. B. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Boyle, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Kelly, King, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Potter, Porter and Schofield.

Yeas 22. Nays 19.

It was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

Mr. Robb

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading of the Bill.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Brouse,

Chairman of the Committee on Markets,

Submitted a Report adverse to the application of the Southwark Hose Company for repairing the House occupied by them in the Market at Second and South streets. (Appendix No. 189.)

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Martin,

On leave granted, presented a communication from James L. West, Commissioner of City Railroad in relation to the non-payment of Tolls.

Mr. Martin

Moved its reference to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend as follows: "with power to act."

Mr. Mascher

Asked for a division of the question.

The question being on the first division,

It was agreed to.

The question being on the second division,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Called for the order of the day.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and to proceed to the consideration of the "Ordinance to authorize a temporary loan."

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following:

Resolved, That a Joint Special Committee of three from each Chamber be appointed to take charge of the Lemon Hill Park and the Norris Park or Square.

Not agreed to.

Mr Mascher

Offered the following:

Resolved, That when Common Council adjourns, it be to meet again on Monday next, 6th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to strike out "Monday" and insert "Tuesday."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Dougherty,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Potter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Barber, Barton, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Ford, Henry, King, Lex, Mickle, Monaghan, O'Neill, Parker, Porter, Recktenwald, T. J. Roberts and Stevenson.

Yeas 45. Nays 22.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Offered the following;

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Samuel L. Hibbs, one of the Assessors of the Ninth Ward, in connection with certain

alleged alterations in the assessment of property in said Ward, with power to send for persons and papers.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The President

Appointed the following Committee :

Messrs. Baker, King, Owen, Winship and Iseminger.

Mr. Elliott,

On leave granted,

Moved to strike out on page 431, where it occurs, the following, viz: "It was then by special order read a third time and passed."

Agreed to.

Mr. Martin

Offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerks of Council are hereby directed to have the Extra Assessments published in the Pennsylvanian and Argus, one insertion in each.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be directed to place the Books containing the extra assessments made on the first, second and third days of October, 1856, for the first twelve Wards of the City, in the hands of the publishers of the Pennsylvanian, and the twelve remaining Wards in the hands of the publishers of the Evening Argus newspapers, on Monday next, for the purpose of inserting one time in said papers all the names upon said Books.

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Select Council,

Informed that they had concurred in the "Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance approved Oct. 19th, 1856, entitled an Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of Market Houses."

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Stated Meeting of Common Council which would take place on Thursday next, October 9th, 1856, be, and the same is hereby dispensed with.

Not agreed to.

The Mayor's Clerk

Was announced, and presented the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, October 2d, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—

This day I have approved an Ordinance, entitled as follows: "An Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, approved October 19, A. D. 1854, entitled an Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of Market Houses."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table

Select Council,

Informed that they had passed a Resolution to meet Common Council in the Convention at 6½ o'clock for the purpose of electing a Commissioner of Markets and City Commissioner.

Mr. Winship

Moved that Council proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to strike out "City Commissioner."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution,

It was read and adopted.

Mr. Owen

Moved to re-consider the vote by which Council refused to proceed to the third reading of the Ordinance to authorize the opening of Fitzwater and other streets in the western part of the First Ward.

Agreed to.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

The Officers and Members of the Select Council were introduced.

Councils being assembled in Convention,

The President announced the object thereof.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to the election of a City Commissioner.

The clerks acting as tellers reported that 65 votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Gamble, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Roberts, Verree, Williams, and Wharton President,

14, voted for James M. Leddy.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Ab'm Baker, A. J. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Fidler, Hagner, Hasinger, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, McCutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, Pres't,

51, voted for James M. Leddy.

In all, 65 votes.

James M. Leddy having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

On motion,

The convention proceeded to the election of a Commissioner of Markets.

The clerks acting as tellers reported that 65 votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Gamble, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Roberts, Williams, and Wharton, President.

13, voted for Samuel C. Thompson.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Ab'm Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Fitler, Hagner, Has-singer, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, Porter, Recktenwald. Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, Pres't,

51, voted for Samuel C. Thompson.

Select Council,

Mr. Verrec voted for James Horner.

Samuel C. Thompson, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

The President

Announced the result of the meeting in Convention.

The Convention then adjourned and Select Council retired.

Mr. Hagner

Offered the following :

Resolved, That certain affidavits taken before the Committee of Finance, in relation to an application from the City Commissioners, for an additional appropriation for making out Tax Duplicates, Indexing, etc., and referred to said Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be placed in the hands of the District Attorney, for such action as he may consider his official duty requires.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

' Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone its further consideration for the present.

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved that the matter be referred to the Committee of Finance, with instructions if they deem to have sufficient cause to prefer charges to Common Council, that said officers may be impeached for misdemeanor in office.

Mr. Findlay

Moved to amend by striking out "Committee on Finance," and insert "a Special Committee of five."

Not agreed to.

The question being on the motion of Mr. King,

It was agreed to.

The President

Presented a volume of Documents of the Colonial History of New York, from the Regents of the University of that State.

Mr. Northrop

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, receive with pleasure the "Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, &c.," and that the thanks of the Council be tendered to "The Regents of the University, ex-officio Trustees of the State Library, in behalf of the State of New York," for the same.

Read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Resolution directing the City Controller to transfer two thousand dollars from

Item No. 1, to Item No. 4, of the appropriation for 1856, to the Department for supplying the City with Water.

Mr. Hassinger,

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they had passed an Ordinance "To make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Mr. Bremer

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Barton, Borie, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Catherwood, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Findlay, Hagner, Hassinger, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Potter, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Winship, Wright and Patterson, Pres't.

NAYS—Mr. Abraham Baker.

Yeas 33. Nays 1.

A quorum of members not voting,

It was not agreed to.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the Chief Commissioner of Highways to contract with S. H. Breamer & Co. for cleaning the Eighth District.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they had passed a Resolution authorizing the owners of property on Bridge street, from Third street to the Pennsylvania Rail Road, Twenty-fourth Ward, to grade and pave the same.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Resolution to direct the Chief Commissioner of Highways to contract with Henry Fulton, for the grading and filling up of Marshall street, from Montgomery to Oxford streets, with the following amendments, viz: strike out the words "enter into an agreement with Henry Fulton," and insert "receive proposals," strike out at the end of the Resolution, the words "for the sum of \$480," and insert "which proposals shall be submitted to Councils."

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved that Council concur in the amendments.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they had passed a Resolution referring the communication upon the Sunberry and Erie Rail Road Company, to a select Committee of five members from each chamber of Councils.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, October 6th, 1856

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Henry,
Baird,	Holman,
Baker, Abraham,	Horrocks,
Barber,	Hubbard,
Barton,	Iseminger,
Bevan,	Jackson,
Boller,	Kelly,
Booth,	King,
Boyle,	Leech,
Bradford,	Lex,
Bremer,	Lindsay,
Brown, Benjamin H.	Martin,
Brown, M. C.	Mascher,
Brownholtz,	Melloy,
Catherwood,	Miller,
Craven,	McCleary,
Deal, J. F.,	McMakin,
Deal, William,	Northrop,
Dougherty,	O'Neill,
Dutton,	Owen,
Elliott,	Potter,
Findlay,	Porter,
Fitler,	Robb,
Ford,	Stevenson,
Hagner,	Winship,
Hassinger,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Henry

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 38, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to pay a certain balance, due upon a contract, for the construction of the Water Works, in West Philadelphia."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 21, Common Council File, "To fix the lines on the Delaware River, between Pike street on the north, and the Point House Wharf on the south, beyond which no Wharf nor Pier shall be constructed."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Third Section being under consideration,

Mr. Craven

Moved to strike out in the fourth line, the word "solid."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Fidler

Moved that the further consideration of the Bill be postponed for the present.

Not agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

The Fourth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out in the ninth line, "appertaining to such particular Wharf."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to strike out in the second line, "District Surveyors who shall be entitled to," and insert "Department of Surveys who shall be paid."

Not agreed to.

The Fourth Section was agreed to.

Mr. Findlay

Moved to re-consider the vote by which the Second Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Findlay

Moved to strike out in the eleventh line, the words "before the District Court of the City of Philadelphia."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Bremer

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council,

“To make an appropriation to the Department of Police,”
for the purposes therein mentioned.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. King

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Winship

Called the previous question, and was sustained by the
following Members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Winship, Borie, T. J. Roberts, Mascher,
Bremer, Bevan, McMakin, Martin, Holman, Lindsay,
Brownholtz and Porter.

And on the question, “Shall the main question be
now put ? ”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King
and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barton, Bevan,
Borie, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz,
Catherwood, William Deal, Dougherty, Findlay, Fidler,
Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Kelly, Lindsay, Martin,
Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, Owen,
Porter, T. J. Roberts, Winship, Wright and Patterson,
President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abr’m Baker, Boyle, Dutton, Jackson,
Leech, McNeal, O’Neill and Potter.

Yeas 31. Nays 8.

A quorum of members not voting,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First
Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Baker and M. C. Brown,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Bevan, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, William Deal, Dougherty, Findlay, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Henry, Jackson, Kelly, McMakin, McNeal and Potter.

Yeas 26. Nays 11.

A quorum of members not voting,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin,

On leave granted,

Presented a communication from S. C. Thompson, Commissioner of Markets, elect, offering Messrs. Thomas Fisher and Solomon Demears, as securities, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which was referred the Resolution on the subject of impeaching the City Commissioners, submitted a report relative to the same. (Appendix No. 190.)

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Asked for a call of the house.

The roll was called and the Clerk reported that thirty-seven members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Findlay, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, King, Leech, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Potter, T. J. Roberts, Wright and Patterson, President.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 9th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present.

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Booth,
Borie,
Bromley,
Brouse,
Butler,
Crease,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Elliott,
Ford,
Hagner,
Hassinger,

Messrs. Henry,
Iseminger,
Kelly,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McMakin,
Parker,
Potter,
Robb,
Stevenson,

Patterson, President.

A quorum of members not being present,

Mr. Leech

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 16th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Fitler,
Ford,
Hagner,
Hassinger,
Henry,

Messrs. Horrocks,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Potter,
Porter,
Robb,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Slocum,

Messrs. Snyder,	Messrs. Vogdes,
Sorver,	Welsh,
Stevenson,	Winship,
Vanhorn,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Barton

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Agreed to.

Mr. Potter,

On leave granted, presented the following :

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

I hereby resign my official position as a Member of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, from the Fifteenth Ward, to take effect from and after this date.

THOMAS POTTER.

Philadelphia, October 16th, 1856.

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Alexander

Presented a Bill from Paul D. Jones, for services rendered as Clerk to Commissioner of Markets.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Lindsay,

A petition from owners of property on Carpenter, between Broad and Eighteenth streets, asking that water pipe may be laid.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

One from owners of property on Bedford, from Broad to Fifteenth street, asking that the same may be opened for public use.

Mr. Iseminger,

One from owners of property on Ninth street, below Lewis street, asking for repairs to said street.

Mr. Craven,

One from owners of property in the neighborhood of Eleventh and Carleton streets, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, asking that the same may be opened and graded.

Mr. McCleary,

One from owners of property on Fifth street, between Dauphin and York streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Mr. Melloy,

Two petitions from owners of property on Fifth street, between Diamond and Dauphin streets, and on Clinton street, between Poplar street and Girard Avenue, asking that the same may be graded.

Also,

One from John Ambler, Jr., asking to be released from a certain lien for paving.

Mr. Bromley,

One from owners of property on Baker street, between Green Lane and Centre street, in the Twenty-first Ward, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Mr. Miller,

One from Isaac & Charles Norris, asking that Hancock street, from Diamond street to Susquehanna Avenue, may be graded.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Sorver,

One from the President and Members of the Lafayette Hose Company, asking admission into the Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One from Citizens of the Twentieth Ward, asking permission to erect a frame building for Divine Worship, on Twenty-first street, between Jefferson and Sharswood streets.

Mr. Owen,

One from owners of property on Woodbine Avenue, in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that Oil Lamps may be placed on said Avenue.

Mr. Leech,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that Public Lamps may be placed on Pine street, between Till or Fortieth and Hamilton or Forty-first streets; and on Hamilton or Forty-first, from Pine to Woodland streets.

Mr. McMakin,

One from James Stapler, asking for a Public Lamp, in Fourth street, opposite Commerce street.

Mr. Dougherty,

One from Citizens of Fourth Ward, asking for a Public Lamp, at the corner of Carbon and South streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Kelly,

On leave granted, presented the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department be instructed to inquire into the causes and consequences of the alarm of fire which prevailed in the First Fire District, on Saturday night last, about 12 o'clock, with a view to enforcing the provisions of the laws, for the regulation of the Fire Department against any Company or Companies participating therein, and that the Committee report at their earliest convenience.

Mr Kelly

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Welsh

Moved to strike out "Committee on Trusts and Fire Department," and insert in lieu thereof, "Chief Engineer."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution,

It was adopted.

Mr. Henry,

On leave granted, presented the following:

The undersigned votes against the adoption of the foregoing Resolution, and desires so to record his vote, only because in his opinion the "Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," does not confer upon the Councils of the City, the right to make such inquiry until due complaint be made to them, as therein provided. And because the said Councils do not possess such power otherwise.

ALEXANDER HENRY.

The President

Presented a communication from Stephen Taylor, City Controller, in relation to the information required of him, by the Special Committee to examine the accounts of the City Treasurer.

Referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

Also,

One from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways in reference to the construction of a culvert from Callowhill street, through a certain Wharf Lot to the River Schuylkill.

Referred to the Committee on Highways

Also,

One from the City Controller, submitting his reasons for refusing to approve of Bills for publishing Extra Assessments in the Pennsylvania Inquirer and Bulletin, and asking Councils for an appropriation to meet the deficiency in the Item to which said Bills were charged.

Also,

One from the City Controller, calling the attention of Councils to deficiencies in certain items of appropriations to City Commissioners and City Controller.

Also,

One from the City Solicitor, in reference to a lien held by the City against the property of Samuel F. Reed, deceased, about to be sold by the Orphans' Court.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

One from the City Solicitor, asking the action of Councils on the subject of a levy made upon the furniture of his office for rent.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Finance with power to act.

Agreed to.

It was so referred.

Also,

The following communications from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, October 16th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinances and Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 4th inst. an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain expenses incurred in Lighting the City."

On the 7th inst. an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the construction of a certain Drain, in Nectarine street."

On the 7th inst. an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to transfer an appropriation to the Contrallers of the Public Schools."

On the 7th inst. a Resolution directing the Department of Highways to erect a protection fence, at a place therein named.

On the 7th inst. a Resolution to cause a certain lot, therein named, to be surveyed.

On the 7th inst. a Resolution authorizing the paving of Carpenter street, from Broad to Nineteenth streets, in the First Ward, and Ash alley.

On the 7th inst. a Resolution directing the Highway Department to construct a wooden trunk at a certain place therein named.

On the 7th inst. a Resolution authorizing property owners to pave certain streets in the First Ward.

On the 6th inst. a Resolution authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to have the Bridge on Green Lane properly and securely repaired.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

October 16th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 13th inst. a Resolution to change certain items of appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison.

On the 13th inst. a Resolution directing the Highway Department to construct a Culvert or Drain, at a certain place, therein mentioned.

On the 13th inst. a Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to have Wyoming street, from Shippen to Fitzwater streets, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, in the First Ward, graded.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

An invitation for the members of Select and Common Councils to attend the ceremony of planting the first tree in Hunting Park.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Resolution approving Thos. Fisher and Solomon Demears, as securities of Samuel C. Thompson, Commissioner of Markets. (Appendix No. 191.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 33, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the department of City Property, and for other purposes."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to strike out Item No. 7, to wit: Evans and Watson, for two Fire Proof Safes, \$ 900.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to strike out Item No. 9, viz: Board of Health for supplies to the City Hospital, \$ 2000.

Agreed to.

Mr. Barton

Moved to strike out in second line the word "eight" and insert "six," and strike out "forty-one" in same line, and insert "seventy-six."

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by adding "To Horatio Jones for thirty-five dollars," to be Item No. 9.

Agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to amend by adding "To Police Department for Station Houses, Repairs to Stoves, &c., \$ 500," to be Item No. 12.

Mr Lindsay

Moved to amend the amendment, by striking out 500, and inserting 1000.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Leech:

It was agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out of the fifth and sixth lines as follows, viz: "For the payment of Item 9, by the President of the Board of Health," also to strike out of second line the word "and" and add to the end of said line the words "and nine."

Agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to further amend by adding after the word "Department" in the seventh line, as follows, viz: "For the payment of Item 12, the Marshal of Police.

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Submitted a report with a Resolution recommending an additional insurance of \$12,000 on the Spring Garden Water Works. (Appendix No. 192.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution recommending the laying of water pipes in Aramingo and other streets. (Appendix No. 193).

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Lindsay

Moved to amend that portion of the Resolution which refers to Doak street, by striking out "Fifteenth to Sixteenth," and inserting "Shippen to Fitzwater."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report recommending that the communication of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, in relation to complaints as to the inadequate supply of water in the Fifteenth Ward, be referred to the Committee on Finance, to report as to the expediency of making an appropriation for the improvements asked for.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Bill No. 7, Select Council File, "To provide for the opening of certain streets."

Agreed to

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Preamble and Title were agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Northrop,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be directed to inquire into the terms under which the City of Philadelphia, held or holds the Rooms at the North East Corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets ; if the lease is cancelled or is now in force and if the City is responsible for any rent for the said premises, and what arrangement if any has been made in relation thereto ; who now occupies the same, and under what terms.

Read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed that they had concurred in the Resolution "to allow George Meggee to construct a Drain," with the following amendment, to wit :

Add at the end of Resolution, "Provided, That the usual charge for such privilege be first paid."

On motion,

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Resolution "to draw a warrant in favor of the Widow of Thomas Hall, deceased," with the following amendment, viz: strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert "That the Clerks of Councils be, and they are hereby authorized to draw a warrant, in favor of the Widow of Thomas Hall, deceased, late Messenger of Common Council, for the sum of one hundred dollars, in full for all services rendered by the said deceased, and to be charged to the item of salaries, in the appropriation made to the Clerks of Councils."

On motion,

Common Council concurred.

Also,

That they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges and Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay certain Road Damages, partly in certificate of debt, and partly in money."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they passed a Resolution, to grade A street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-third streets, and Master street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-third streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance Supplementary to an Ordinance, entitled a Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate, vested in the City of Philadelphia," approved May 31, 1856.

On motion

Council proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend as follows:

Add to end of Section, "And there shall not be paid a compensation for the sale of the said property, any greater or higher charge than a commission of one-eighth of one per cent.

Mr. Leech

Moved to postpone the consideration of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. J. F. Deal and Monaghan,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Boller, J. F. Deal, Ford, Jackson, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, O'Neill, Slocum and Vogdes,

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Booth, Boyle, Bromley, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Dutton, Hassinger, Henry, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Lindsay, Mascher, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 10. Nays 35.

It was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Miller,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and McCleary,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Boller, Boyle, Brownholtz, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Ford, Hassinger, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, O'Neill, Slocum, Sorver, Vogdes and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Bromley, Butler, Crease, Dutton, Henry, Kershaw, Lindsay, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

Yeas 24. Nays 24.

It was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Section,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council, that the Sale of the Property of the City, now advertised by Messrs. M. Thomas & Sons, be suspended until the further orders of Councils.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Boyle, Brownholtz, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Ford, Leech, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, Parker, Slocum, Vogdes and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Bradford, Bromley, Butler, Crease, Dutton, Hassinger, Isenminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Lindsay, Mascher, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

Yeas 15. Nays 28.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to re-consider the vote by which the Bill providing for the sale of certain Real Estate of the City, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

The consideration of the Second Section being resumed,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend by adding to the end thereof, "Provided the Commissioner of City Property, under the supervision of the Joint Committee, shall employ a suitable Auctioneer to sell the same by Public Auction.

Mr. Leech

Moved to further amend by adding, "And provided further that the Auctioneer shall not receive a greater compensation than one-quarter of one per cent.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Miller,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Booth, Bradford, Brownholtz, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Iseminger, Kershaw, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, McMakin, Owen, Parker, Porter, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Boyle, Butler, Crease, J. F. Deal, Hassinger, Kelly, Leech, Miller, Monaghan, McManus, Northrop, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vogdes and Winship.

Yeas 26. Nays 16.

It was agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment as amended,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Monaghan,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, Brownholtz, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dutton, Hassinger, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, McMakin, McManus, Owen, Porter, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Butler, Miller, Monaghan, Northrop, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Winship and Patterson, President.

Yeas 31. Nays 8.

A quorum of members not voting,

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed a Resolution to authorize the removal of a Telegraph Alarm Box, from the corner of Twelfth and Coates streets, to the corner of Twelfth and Brown streets.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution instructing the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to inquire and report whether it is not proper that the Shiffler Hose Company should be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department.

Which were read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution authorizing owners of property to pave Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Germantown Road and Clinton street.

Also,

A Resolution to vacate Timber Lane, from Eighteenth street to Columbia Avenue.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to cut a Channel on Ninth, from Morris and Seventh street, and from Franklin to Mifflin street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

On motion,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 23d, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Harper,

Messrs. Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Recktenwald,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,

Messrs. Slocum,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,

Messrs. Vogdes,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,
Patterson, President.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 20, Select Council File, entitled "An Ordinance Supplementary to an Ordinance entitled a Supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to provide for the Sale of certain Real Estate vested in the City of Philadelphia."

Agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of the Second Section, viz:

"Provided the Commissioner of City Property, under the supervision of the Joint Committee, shall employ a suitable Auctioneer to sell the same at public auction, and provided further, that the Auctioneer shall not receive a greater compensation than one quarter of one per cent."

Mr. Barton

Moved to strike out "one quarter," and insert "one half."

Not agreed to.

The Amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on the Section as amended,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to further amend by striking out in the fifth line, the words "Tuesday Evening, November 11th," and insert "any evening during the month of November."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Lindsay

Presented a petition from owners of property on Christian street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, asking that water pipe may be laid.

Mr. Miller,

One of like import from owners of property on Morris street, between Sixth and Tenth streets, in the First Ward.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

One of like import from owners of property on Orange street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, in the Third Ward.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import from owners of property on Brown street, between Sixteenth and Francis streets.

Mr. Holman,

One of like import from owners of property on Amber street, between York and Adams streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Iseminger,

One from Eliza Hinkle, asking that water pipe may be laid in Marshall street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, in the Second Ward.

Mr. Monaghan,

A remonstrance from owners of property on West, between Somerset and William streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, against the laying of water pipe therein.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

A petition from owners of property on Orange street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, in the Third Ward, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Mr. Barber,

One from Israel N. Bell, asking to be released from his security as Supervisor of the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Schofield,

One from residents in the vicinity of Sixth and Diamond streets, asking that the latter may be opened from Germantown Road and Sixth to Broad street.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-second Ward, asking for a water course on Manheim street.

Also,

One from owners of property on and near Marshall street, asking that the same may be opened from Montgomery street to Germantown Road.

Mr. Horrocks,

One from owners of property on Church and Josephine streets, in the late Borough of Frankford, Twenty-third Ward, asking for the extension of a culvert.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. McCleary,

One from Citizens of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards, asking that Norris street may be graded and the

abutments of bridge over Gunners Run repaired, and offered the following Resolution,

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Commissioner of Highways be authorized to have Franklin Avenue, on both sides of the Bridge over Gunners Run, filled up.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved that the petition and Resolution be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

It was so referred

Mr. A. J. Baker

Presented the Sixth Quarterly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 194.)

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved that 500 copies be printed for the use of members.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Presented a petition from Citizens and Tax Payers residing in the Eleventh Ward, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed in Callowhill street, between New Market and Front streets.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import from residents in the vicinity of Eighteenth and Pearl streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. Parker,

One of like import from John B. Budd, President of the Academy of Music, situated at the corner of Broad and Locust streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Mascher,

A communication from H. T. Groutz, asking for an appropriation for payment of claims of George Legg and Christian Horman, for amount overpaid by them for paving.

Mr. Stevenson,

A Bill of Daniel Weyman, for collecting election boxes.

Mr. Vanhorn,

A communication from John Henry, late Police Magistrate of Fifteenth Ward, asking for payment of salary.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

A Bill of the Guardians of the Poor of Germantown, for use of cells for the year 1854.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Craven,

Bills for Painting, done by S. L. Hibbs, to Supreme Court Room, Register's Office, &c.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Asked leave to withdraw from the Committee on Claims the Bill of Thomas Hawksworth, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Vanhorn,

A petition from owners of property on Fairmount street, between Pratt and Brown Streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that the same may be regulated and graded.

Mr. McManus,

One from Citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, asking for a Drain in the vicinity of Second and Norris streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. O'Neill,

One from William Stowman, in reference to a claim in hands of the Sheriff, for water pipe, against a property purchased by him.

Mr. Hassinger,

One from Citizens of the First Division, Twenty-third Ward, asking for a change in place of holding the election.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Schofield,

One from members of the Cohocksink Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

One from Citizens of Germantown, Twenty-second Ward, urging the purchase, by the City, of the Germantown Gas Works.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Leech,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Surveyor of the City be requested to furnish Council at their next meeting, with all plans and specifications received by him for the building of Chestnut street Bridge.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, October 23d, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinances and Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 18th inst. an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, and for other purposes.”

On the 18th inst. a Resolution giving authority to George Megee to make a Drain.

On the 18th inst. a Resolution to pay the Widow of Thomas Hall, Jr. deceased, \$ 100.

On the 18th inst. a Resolution authorizing the owners of property on Thirty-fifth street, from Lancaster Avenue to Bridge street, to grade and pave.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, informing Council that the appropriation for cleaning the paved streets, Markets, &c., is nearly exhausted and asking for an additional appropriation of \$ 14,000 for that purpose, and for a change of certain items of appropriation for other purposes of the Department.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from William A. Porter, Esq., City Solicitor, transmitting a notice of a Levy made on articles of public property.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report with a Resolution authorizing the opening of Carleton street. (Appendix No. 195.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to authorize the deepening of a Drain, from the foot of Gay street, across the main street, in the late Borough of Manayunk. (Appendix No. 196.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to authorize the construction of a Culvert across the property of Henry J. Williams, in the Fifteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 197.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to authorize the grading of Hancock street, in the Nineteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 198.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to authorize the grading of St. David street, in the Tenth Ward. (Appendix No. 199.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted

Also,

A report adverse to the prayers of petitioners of Bedford street, in consequence of Councils having no jurisdiction in the case. (Appendix No. 200.)

Mr. Abraham Baker,

Moved that Council proceed to the consideration of the resignation of Mr. Craven, as a member of the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Offered the following:

Resolved, That appreciating the services of Mr. Craven as a member of the Committee of Finance, Common Council respectfully decline accepting his resignation as a member of that Committee.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

To which was referred the Resolutions from Select Council. "to grade Girard Avenue," reported the same,

with the following amendment, viz : strike out in the first Resolution, all after the word "Resolved," and insert as follows :

"Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Department of Highways are hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with one or more competent Stone Masons, for the extension of the Wing Walls, at both ends of the Girard Avenue Bridge, over the Schuylkill, said walls to be connected with those already up, and to be of such dimensions and thickness as the Chief Engineer and Surveyor and the Chief Commissioner of Highways may determine ; said contract to be made with the lowest responsible bidder, and when made to be approved by Councils before the same shall be binding on the City."

"Resolved, That whenever the extension of the Wing Walls at the eastern end is finished, the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to proceed with the grading of Girard Avenue, commencing at the eastern end of the Bridge, and proceeding eastward, not regarding the regulated grades, and excavating only, to a breadth and depth sufficient to afford proper facilities to public travel, and fixing the elevation on each side of the Reading Rail Road, under the direction of the Survey Department, with a view to crossing the same by a bridge."

"Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor and the Chief Commissioner of Highways, are hereby authorized to confer with the Managers of the Reading Rail Road Company, upon the subject of the erection of a Bridge, whereby Girard Avenue may pass over the Rail Road, and report the result of this conference to Councils as early as practicable." (Appendix No. 201.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, "To vacate Timber Lane, from Eighteenth street to Columbia Avenue." (Appendix No. 202.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, to pave Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Germantown Road, with the following amendments, viz: strike out all that relates to the paving of Sixth street and add after the word "Avenue," in the fifth line, the following: "in the Twentieth Ward; and Fifth street, from Diamond street northward to Dauphin street, in the Nineteenth Ward."

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, authorizing a channel to be cut on Ninth street, from Morris street, and on Seventh street, from Franklin to Mifflin streets. (Appendix No. 203.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolutions from Select Council, to authorize the grading of A street, Master street, and Twentieth street, in the Twentieth Ward, with the following amendments, viz: strike out the first part of the second Resolution, and connect the second so as to make one Resolution, and add at the end thereof, the words "and to expend in the said work a sum not exceeding \$ 200." (Appendix No. 204.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed that they had concurred in the Bill providing for the Sale of the City Property, with the exception of the Proviso at the end of the Second Section.

Mr. Bevan

Moved to postpone the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Bevan

Moved that Common Council insists on its amendment and asked that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

On leave granted, read in his place and presented to the chair a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance making an extra appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1856.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

To which was referred the Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the removal of certain Fire Alarm Boxes, submitted a report against the same, with Resolutions directing the manner in which the Fire Alarm Bells shall be rung in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Fire Districts, and instructing the Superintendent of Police to have a Fire Alarm Signal Box placed in the Dwelling of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 205.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the Second Resolution,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "Chief," "and Assistant Engineers."

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to further amend by inserting after "Engineers," "and each of the Houses of the Fire Companies belonging to the Fire Department."

Not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Mascher,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution,

It was not agreed to.

Also,

Reported a Bill, entitled "A further supplement to an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to provide for the management of John Scott's legacy, passed 9th September, 1841.'" (Appendix No. 206.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance relative to the repair of Bay street culvert, in the Fifth Ward." (Appendix No. 207.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution authorizing the Department of Highways to advertise for proposals for the construction of a culvert on Vine street, from Nineteenth to the River Schuylkill. (Appendix No. 208.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to amend as follows: "and also to advertise for proposals for culverting the Cohocksink Creek, from Sixth to Front streets.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to further amend as follows: "and also for the construction of a culvert in Christian street, from Fifteenth street to the River Schuylkill.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Lindsay,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved, That the Highway Department be authorized, and is hereby directed to have Shippen street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, graded.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed two Resolutions; one inviting new proposals for the cleansing of the Third District and one authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to contract with John Motz, for the cleansing of the Twelfth District.

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Resolution was adopted.

The Second Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved that it be indefinitely postponed.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the opening of Fitzwater and other streets, with the following amendments, viz: to add after the word "paid" in the second section, the words "by the parties interested therein."

Mr. Lindsay

Moved that this Chamber non-concur in the amendment.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Resolutions "to raise Dock street Wharf," &c., and "to clean Pine street Dock," with the following amendments, viz:

Strike out "Superintendent of Wharves and Landings," where it occurs in the Resolutions, and insert "Commissioner of Markets."

Mr. Baird

Moved that this Chamber concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a culvert on Eighth street, from Poplar street to Girard Avenue."

Mr. Harper

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

That they had passed a Resolution substituting the name of John Roberts, for William Deal, as one of the securities of John Felton, one of the Supervisors of the Twenty-second Ward.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of City Property, to bid a sum not exceeding \$4,000, at the sale of the property of Samuel F. Reed, deceased, situate on Prime street, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health, and the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for purposes therein

mentioned, and for the transfer of certain items of appropriations to said Departments."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Stevenson,

Chairman of the Special Committee, to which was referred the communications from the Guardians of the Poor, asking for an appropriation to make repairs and improvements in the Steam Heating Apparatus of the Hospital and Lunatic Asylum, submitted a report with an Ordinance for that purpose. (Appendix No. 209.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Booth

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill from Select Council, making an appropriation to the Board of Health and Guardians of the Poor.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Not agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. O'Neill,

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council, That the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to cause

all the obstructions on our wharves, erected by the Camden and Amboy Rail Road Co. and other parties, to be forthwith removed.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Catherwood

Offered the following :

Whereas, Independence Hall has been used without the consent of Councils, as a place of reception for various Military, Fire and other Companies visiting this City; therefore,

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of City Property be, and he is hereby directed to deny from and after the passage of this Resolution, the use of said Hall for such purpose.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Rail Roads, be directed to enquire by what authority the Philadelphia and Baltimore Rail Road Company, run Locomotives on the Rail Roads in Washington street, in the City of Philadelphia.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Highway Department be authorized and required to have Noble, Green and Coates streets

paved, from Washington Avenue to Delaware Avenue, according to law.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. William Deal

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be instructed to grade Front street, from York to Cambria streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Crease

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, That the Department of Highways be authorized to grade Hagy's Mill Road, between Manatawna street and the Montgomery County Line, in the Twenty-first Ward.—Provided, the cost thereof shall not exceed \$ 150.

Referred to the Committee on Highways,

Mr. Barber

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby authorized to release the securities of Israel N. Bell, late Supervisor of the Nineteenth Ward, whenever the Chief Commissioner of Highways shall certify to him that the said Israel N. Bell is entitled to said release.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Bradford

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 20, Common Council File, "to provide for the payment of the claims of Frederick C. Brightly and Henry T. Grout.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the amendment of Select Council, (page 412 Common Council Journal,) to the Resolution to pave Centre and other streets.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to concur in the amendment.

Agreed to.

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 30, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Welsh

Read in place and presented to the Chair a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to abolish a certain stand for empty Market Wagons."

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 40, Common Council File,

“to make an additional appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1856.”

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Resolution on page 51, Common Council Appendix, “authorizing the Superintendent of Public Wharves and Landings, to have the Dock at the foot of Walnut street cleaned.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to strike out “Superintendent of Public Wharves and Landings” and insert “Commissioner of Markets.”

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 34, Common Council File, “to authorize the payment of certain small awards of street damages without expense for searches.”

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Crease

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution of Common Council, Appendix No. 19, "to authorize a revised plan of the regulations and grades of a portion of the Twenty-first Ward."

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 22, Common Council File, "to provide for the cleansing of the Docks on the Delaware and Schuylkill fronts of the City of Philadelphia."

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to strike out where it occurs "Superintendent of Wharves and Landings," and insert "Commissioner of Markets."

Agreed to.

The question being on the First and only Section as amended,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to add "Provided further that this Ordinance shall not take effect north of Vine street."

Not agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to postpone the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, Common Council Appendix, No. 184, authorizing a warrant to be drawn in favor of Joseph Fox.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 41, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Agreed to.

Mr. Schofield

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 30th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,

Messrs. Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, T. J.,

Messrs. Schofield,
Slocum,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,

Messrs. Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,

Patterson, President.

Mr. Barton

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to correct the Journal of last meeting on page 499, by striking out, where they occur, the words "asked that a Committee of Conference be appointed."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Porter

Presented a petition from Citizens of Second Ward, asking for a Public Lamp to be placed at the corner of Eighth and Suffolk streets.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import from Residents of Fairview street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property and residents on William street, between Wharf and Richmond streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Bromley

One of like import from Citizens of the Twenty-first Ward, residing on Grape and Pleasant streets.

Mr. Lecch,

One of like import from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, residing on the south side of Sycamore, west of Thirty-sixth street.

Mr. McMakin,

One from Citizens residing on New street, west of Front, relative to the removal of coal ashes from said street.

Mr. Wright,

A remonstrance against the erection of a frame building, for a place of worship, by property owners in the vicinity of Twenty-first and Jefferson streets, Twentieth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Miller,

One from owners of property on Orange street, west of Twelfth, between Catharine and Christian streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Dougherty,

One from owners of property on Poplar street, between Nineteenth and Corinthian streets, asking the privilege of paving the same at their own cost.

Mr. Abraham Baker,

One from owners of property on Gilbert street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

One from owners of property on Jefferson street, in the Twentieth Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Mr. Schofield,

One from owners of property on Fifth street, between Germantown Road and Chatham street, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-Second Ward, asking that the width of the footways on Sharpnack street may be changed.

Also,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-second Ward, asking that Chew street may be put in passable order.

Mr. Vodges,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking for the removal of dirt on Till street above Market in said Ward.

Also,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that the Bridge over Mill Creek at Walnut street may be finished.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Abraham Baker,

One from owners of property on the line of Thompson street, from Eighth to Eleventh streets, asking that water pipe may be laid on Thompson street, from Eighth to Ninth and the same be paved from Eighth to Eleventh streets.

Mr. Mascher,

One from residents on Florida street, between Fitzwater and Catharine streets, asking that a Fire Plug may be placed therein.

Mr. Holman,

One from owners of property on Wager street, from Germantown Road to Fourth street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid in the same.

Mr. Craven

Presented a bill from Robert F. Morrell, for Lumber furnished and Work done, on Offices in State House.

Mr. Monaghan,

Bills from Edward L. Spain, for salary as Surveyor of the Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. O'Neill,

A communication from E. J. Megonegal, asking action upon his Bill, previously presented, for Indexing Assessments of the Seventeenth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Presented a communication from S. C. Thompson, Commissioner of Market Houses, asking for an appropriation to pay certain claims on the Department.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Also,]

One from John T. Holloway, representing the necessity of a culvert being constructed in the vicinity of Moore street, in the First Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

One from the Philadelphia Hose Company, No. 1, asking for the removal of the Fire Alarm Box from the corner of Seventh and Market streets, to the southwest corner of Seventh and Zane streets.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

One from the Directors of the Fire Department, asking a revision of the ordinances regulating the Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

The following communications from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, October 27th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

Joint Resolutions, without being entitled, but which authorize the Commissioner of Market Houses to raise and put in tenantable condition Dock street Wharf; also, to have a fence placed on lot fronting on Coates street and Delaware Avenue; also, to have Dock, foot of Catharine street, cleansed; also, to have Pine street Dock, on the Delaware, cleansed, under the supervision of the Commissioner of Market Houses; have been presented for executive approval.

No appropriation is made for the payment of the cost of this work, nor any estimate therefor authorized or required.

In a communication, to which I respectfully call your attention, transmitted to the Select Council under date of August 28th, 1856, I suggested that public work, authorized to be done by Councils, either by Joint Resolution or Ordinance, without an appropriation made for the payment thereof, was not in conformity with the law governing and regulating the powers of those bodies. The 21st Section of the Act of April 21, 1855, expressly forbids such legislation. These Joint Resolutions are manifestly within this prohibition. The communication referred to, (see Journal Select Council, August 28th, 1856,) is applicable, in some of its reasoning, to the action of Councils now receiving attention. It was concurred in by the Select Council.

Consistency compels the opinion thus expressed, to control my action in the Joint Resolutions now under consideration. These Joint Resolutions authorize work to be done, involving great expense, which should be carefully examined, that no waste of public money be permitted. To authorize it to be done without a limit to the cost, or an appropriation for its payment, is giving a license to expenditure of money which I cannot sanction.

From a careful reading of these Resolutions they appear defective in language, if not in their provisions. They

provide that the Commissioner of Market Houses shall cause certain work to be performed under his own supervision.

I do not see that the officer having charge of that Department, should escape from a control which Councils exercise over the Commissioner of City Property and the Commissioners of Highways, and the City Commissioners. The cleansing of Docks, though in itself a labor easily understood, involves more than the ordinary knowledge necessary to its performance.

It appears to me that the Port Wardens, whose familiarity with the subject would enable them to render valuable suggestions, should be required either to overlook the work, or at least approve of any plan, by which it is to be accomplished.

This view is the more reasonable, as the proviso to the 12th Section of the Act of May 13, 1856, provides, "that no Dock shall be cleansed to a greater depth than the natural bed of the river." As this restriction is imperative, and applies to all Docks, the official information of the Port Wardens or Master Warden on the subject, should be sought at least at the inception of the work, if their supervision is not required during its progress.

The Joint Resolutions are returned without my approval.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

October 30th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz:

On the 25th inst. an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert in Eighth street, from Poplar street to Girard Avenue."

On the 27th inst. a Resolution instructing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, to have an additional amount of \$ 12,000 insured upon the Spring Garden Water Works.

On the 27th inst. a Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Works, to cause water pipe to be laid in certain streets therein named.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
October 30th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

Permit me to call your attention to the necessity of some legislation regulating the conduct of drivers of vehicles used for hire in the City of Philadelphia. I ask, respectfully, that this subject may claim your early attention. The constant complaints made by citizens, of the danger which occurs to life and limb, from careless driving through the public streets ; the utter disregard which those persons, so employed, often manifest for foot passengers across the intersections, aged persons and young children, and the want of some more prompt legal redress for these grievances, require action by the City Councils in the premises. The unlawful and exorbitant charges made by drivers of "Hackney Coaches," is a complaint frequently made, but as strangers are most generally imposed upon, their sojourn in the City is often too short for the tedious forms now required to enforce or inflict the penalty.

The Omnibusses which crowd the principal highways, the want of care which characterizes their management thereon, the disregard evinced for less substantial vehicles, and indeed for persons crossing the streets, which intersect

their routes, are among the complaints that almost daily are made by sufferers from, or witnesses of these evils.

The number of Vehicles let for hire—Hacks, Drays, Carts, Omnibusses, Wagons, and the like, are rapidly increasing. The owners of a large number of them are most anxious to aid the public authorities in a control of the thoughtless, and sometimes wicked disregard by drivers, of the rights of the Citizens; but no system has yet been established by law, which will command a success, in this particular and constantly increasing grievance. There is in this connection another subject of a kindred character which requires legislation by Councils. I refer to the outrageous abuses incident to the manner of hauling Cars on the Rail Roads on our public streets. This is a nuisance now almost unbearable. Long trains of cars, with a longer train of mules or horses, are driven along the Railroads, without the least regard for the rights of others which are daily and hourly invaded or disregarded by these drivers, or conductor or managers. This comparatively new mode of burthen transportation through the most populous and business sections of a large City, requires to be regulated on a most efficient plan.

The inhuman treatment of the beasts of burden, the stopping off of intersecting streets, the great inconvenience which the unreasonable length of the trains of cars occasions, and the entire monopoly they exercise on the streets through which they pass, demands some speedy and prompt correction.

I earnestly hope Councils will consider these subjects as eminently within the scope of the power of City legislation, and which public convenience and protection to the rights of Citizens, especially require.

There is another subject connected with the use of the public thoroughfares to which it is proper I should direct your attention. Permits to use the streets for building purposes are granted under the regulations of existing Ordinances.

How far these permits should be given for streets densely crowded with vehicles, is a question of serious importance. Though the space granted is limited, yet no care is taken to confine the use of the street to the Ordinance regulation. If as in many cases one half the street is

taken up, the whole travel is impeded, and too often entirely prevented. Scenes of confusion and disturbance of the public order necessarily follow a stoppage of large numbers of carts, drays and omnibusses, each anxious to proceed, and passing in different directions. To require the building materials to be removed is impossible in a short time. They have been collecting for days. To ascertain if the permit is in force, the limits granted by it, or the period for which it was given, requires a copy from the permit or license book. Time is necessary to obtain this information, and when obtained, longer time is essential to effect by their removal, the remedy. Those who transgress the provisions of the permit, use this period to carry on their work, and hence the steps directed to be taken to cure the evil, afford opportunity to continue it. The legislation of a former period, in the history of our City, on these various matters of public concernment, is almost useless to control the present condition of our advancement and rapid increase in population and business. The exigencies growing out of existing present wants, the complications incident to causes which spring up with our growth, the difficulties which are augmented by our municipal progress thus submitted to your notice, require, in my opinion, early and careful attention.

Laws, which are obsolete from a change in the condition of affairs which demanded their enactment, should have instituted for them, such as the requirements of the present public welfare indicates as needful to its existence.

No one who is conversant or familiar with the present state of the business and population of our City can deny, that a manifest necessity is apparent for a revision of the City Ordinances, on the subject referred to, as well as to others, now, for the first time in our history, claiming notice.

I would most respectfully suggest that such a revision be considered by Councils, in order that State Legislation if deemed necessary, may be asked from the Legislature of the Commonwealth, at its next Session.

But few Ordinances of the City, as at present constituted, have been passed which relate to that Municipal economy to which I have alluded.

Those of the former districts are in force, and we have a system of police regulations under one head, but different in those sections formerly separate incorporations. The power to regulate the new City is in Councils, by the "Consolidation Act," and its Supplements, and no obstacle exists to pass such laws as Councils shall deem necessary.

Respectfully,
RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to amend, by striking out "Law," and inserting "Highways."

Mr. Lex

Moved to amend the amendment, as follows: "That so much as refers to Rail Roads, be referred to the Committee on Highways, and the residue to the Committee on Police."

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which was referred the Ordinance from Select Council, "to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned," reported the same as committed, and recommended its passage. (Appendix No. 210.)

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Also,

Submitted a Report, with a Resolution, directing the Commissioner of City Property to adopt measures to vacate the room in the second story of the north east corner of

Fifth and Chestnut streets, and release the City from rent of the same. (Appendix No. 211.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report adverse to the payment of the claim of Samuel Martin and William H. Phelan, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 212.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report with a Resolution "To authorize the paving of a portion of Market street and Filbert street, in the Ninth Ward." (Appendix No. 213.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution "to authorize the grading of Haggy's Mill Road, in the Twenty-first Ward." (Appendix No. 214.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make provision for entering satisfaction upon the official bonds of officers whose terms of office have expired." (Appendix No. 215.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with Resolutions admitting the LaFayette Hose Company and Cohocksink Hose Company into the Fire Department and adverse to the application of the Forrest Hose Company's admission into the same. (Appendix No. 216.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report with a Resolution, referring the claims of Messrs. David and William Shetzline, and Messrs. Barnes and Strang, to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report an Ordinance in favor of the payment of the same. (Appendix No. 217.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report recommending that the bill of the Managers of the Poor of Germantown, for rent of cells, be referred to the Committee on Police, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 218.)

Mr. Sorver :

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report adverse to the claim of Henry Troemner, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 219.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report adverse to to the payment of the claims of Messrs. Collins and Autermicht, James Miller, George Legg, Christian Herman and Samuel Bardeer, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 220.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Leech

Moved that the Resolution offered by him at the last meeting of Council, requesting the Chief Surveyor of the City to furnish Council with the plans and specifications received by him, for the building of Chestnut street Bridge, be referred to Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Agreed to.

It was so referred.

Mr. McCleary

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of City Property, be authorized to have Catalogues placed in Independence Hall, giving a description of all that it contains, and to be for the use of the visitors ; and a Book for the purpose of registering the names of such visitors as may wish to do so.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Boyle

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property, be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expedi-

ency of offering for Sale, or to Let on Ground Rent, the unoccupied portion of the Lot of Ground on Christian street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, on which the Moyamensing Hall is located, reserving a sufficient space on the sides and rear of said Hall, for light and ventilation, and report the same to Councils.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hagner

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Law be directed to inquire into the expediency and legality, either directly by Councils, or through the Board of Guardians of the Poor, of making the Union Benevolent Society of Philadelphia, the distributors of the Fund annually appropriated for outdoor relief of the Poor.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Schofield

Offered the following :

Resolved, By Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the services of the Cohocksink Hose Company, be accepted and said Company be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend, by inserting after "Cohocksink," the words "and Northern Liberty."

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend the amendment, by adding after "Northern Liberty," the words "and Moyamensing."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Welsh and Dougherty,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Boyle, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Leech, Lindsay, Melloy, Miller, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abr'm Baker, Barber, Barton, Boller, Booth, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Crease, Craven, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Recktenwald, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 12. Nays 38.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the subject to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Mascher,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Harper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Barton, Booth, Boric, Boyle, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Craven, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, King, Leech, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, Recktenwald, C. B. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Bromley, Brownholtz, Catherwood, Crease, Ford, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Lex, Monaghan, McCleary, O'Neill, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Vanhorn, Welsh and Patterson, President.

Yeas 30. Nays 24.

It was agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution as amended.

It was adopted.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be required to request the Northern Liberties Gas Company to lay gas pipes on Noble, Green, and Coates streets, from Washington Avenue to Delaware Avenue.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend, by adding "also, to request the Richmond Gas Company, to lay pipe in Cumberland street, from the Frankford Road to Richmond street."

Mr. Barber

Moved to amend the amendment, by adding thereto as follows: "also, in Wood street, from West street to Frankford Road.

Agreed to.

The Amendment as amended was agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed they have concurred in the Amendments of Common Council, to the Resolution "to grade A street."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution relative to ringing Fire Alarm Bells.

Also,

In the Amendments of Common Council to the Resolution "to pave Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Germantown Road and Clinton street.

Also,

That they have receded from their amendment to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the opening of Fitzwater street, and other streets in the western part of the First Ward."

Also,

That they have passed Resolutions "in reference to Fairmount Park."

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Resolutions were severally read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution approving of Edward Willis, as one of the sureties of Emanuel Street, Commissioner of Highways, in place of John Grim, &c.

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend by referring the same to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to transfer certain appropriations from the Department of City Commissioners, to the Department of City Property."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Informed Common Council that they adhere to their non-concurrence in the amendment of Common Council to the end of the Second Section of the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, entitled a supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate, vested in the City of Philadelphia," and have appointed a Committee of

Conference on the part of Select Council, consisting of Messrs. Cuyler, Perkins and McCay.

Whereupon the President appointed upon the part of Common Council, the following Committee, to wit: Messrs. Bevan, Miller, and T. J. Roberts.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution "authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to finish the grading of Taylor street between Pratt and Brown streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, and also, to notify the property owners on said street to grade, curb and pave their footways within thirty days."

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to notify the property owners on Seventh street, from Germantown Road to York street, to curb, grade and pave their footways within thirty days.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify the owners of property on Alleghany Avenue, from Bank street to Frankford Road, to grade, pave and curb their footways.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution directing the property owners on Mechanic street, from Diamond street to Susquehanna Avenue, to curb, pave and grade their footways within thirty days.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution authorizing the Committee on Market Houses, to have repairs made to Dock street wharf, at a cost not exceeding two hundred and eighty-three dollars, to have a fence put on lot on Coates

street, at a cost not exceeding one hundred and thirty-five dollars, and to have Catharine street Dock cleaned, at a cost not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars, to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Baird

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution "to transfer certain items of appropriation made to the Department of Highways."

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution "authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to lay water pipe on Amber and other streets."

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved that the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Water Works.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Baker and Dutton,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barton, Boyle, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Ford, Hassinger, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Sorver, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Boller, Bromley, Dutton, Hagner, Henry, Kershaw, Lex, Northrop, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Slocum, Stevenson and Vanhorn.

Yeas 26. Nays 14.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have passed a Resolution awarding the contract for grading Marshall street, between Oxford and Montgomery streets, in the Twentieth Ward, to Lewis & Doyle, for the sum of \$475.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution to lay a six inch pipe on South street to Sutherland Avenue, a distance of about 200 feet.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to direct the Commissioner on City Property to ascertain what mutual arrangement can be made to vacate the premises corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets.

Also,

That they have concurred in the amendment of Common Council, to the Resolution to grade Girard Avenue.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolutions, to authorize the grading of Hancock street, in the Nineteenth Ward;

To authorize the grading of St. Davids street, in the Tenth Ward ;

To give notice of the opening of Carleton street, in the Fourteenth Ward ;

To authorize the deepening of a drain, from the foot of Gay street, in the late borough of Manayunk :

To authorize the construction of a culvert across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., in the Fifteenth Ward ;

And in the amendment of Common Council to the Ordinance, "to provide for the opening of McKean street and other certain streets, in the First Ward.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be directed to inquire into the expediency of re-paving Lisle street, from Shippen to Fitzwater streets, in the Fourth Ward.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that the Resolution from Select Council, "To lay water pipe on Amber and other streets," be referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Agreed to.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 6th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,

Messrs. Iseminger,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,
Slocum,
Sorver,
Stevenson,

Messrs. Vanhorn, Messrs. Winship,
Welsh, Wright,
Patterson, President.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Bradford,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Whereas, The Hon. James Buchanan is expected to visit the City of Philadelphia, and whereas, it is proper to offer to him the testimony of respect of the City of Philadelphia.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that a Committee of 31, to consist of 20 from the Select, and 11 from the Common Councils, be appointed ; to which shall be added the Presidents of each Council, and his Honor the Mayor, to offer to Mr. Buchanan, on his expected visit, the hospitalities of the City.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Prisons.

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend, as follows :

Strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert "That the use of Independence Hall be tendered to the Hon. James Buchanan, for the reception of his friends."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Alexander

Presented a Resolution from owners of property on Cuba street, from Jefferson Avenue to Fourth street, and

Morris to Moore street, in reference to a contract, made by them with Joseph M. Paynter, to pave the same.

Mr. Abraham Baker,

One of like import from owners and occupants of property on Gilpin street, in the Ninth Ward, between Market and Parker, and Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Mr. Ridgway,

One of like import from owners of property on Miller street, from Thirteenth to Broad street, between Brown and Parish streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Bevan,

One from Citizens of the First Ward, asking for public lamps to be placed on the corners of Boon and Lancaster streets and Denmark and Trellis streets.

Mr. Henry,

One of like import from owners of property on Burton, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, in the Seventh Ward.

Also,

One of like import from residents and men of business in the vicinity of Fourth and Commerce.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property in Delaney Place, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.

Mr. Stevenson,

One of like import from owners of property on Delaware Avenue.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Bevan,

One from owners of property on McKean street, from Fifth to Sixth streets, and Sixth street, from Morris to McKean streets, asking that water pipes may be placed along said streets.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Booth,

One from B. A. Mitchell, Attorney for Manayunk Division of the Sons of Temperance, asking that certain Mortgages may be released by the City.

Referred to the Committee on Girard Estate.

Mr. Craven

Presented a bill from Thomas Fletcher, late Prothonotary of the District Court, for Office Fees.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Hagner,

A petition from the School Directors of the Fifteenth Section of the First School District, for the erection of a School House.

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Melloy,

One from owners of property on Springlet street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, asking for the construction of a culvert.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Brownholtz,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-first Ward, asking for the erection of a Bridge on Crease's Lane.

Mr. Leech,

A communication from Lane Schofield, calling attention of Council to the refusal of the City Treasurer to pay a warrant in his favor, for cleaning the streets in Fourth and Fifth Wards.

Mr. Schofield,

A petition from owners of property in the vicinity of Sixth and Diamond streets, asking that the same may be opened from Germantown Road and Sixth to Broad.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

The President,

One from Citizens of the Ninth Ward, asking for the location of a Public Lamp, near Seventeenth and Market streets.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from J. E. Harned, Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, giving information of an obstruction to the Navigation, by a sunken Canal Boat at South street wharf, on the Schuylkill river.

Referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.

Also,

A Levy upon articles of public property, by John Duncan, on judgment in favor of Eli Dillon.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from the City Solicitor, in reference to the course pursued by him to obtain possession of the several properties attached to the Lemon Hill Estate. (Appendix No. 221.)

Also,

One from the Commissioner of City Property, in reference to the Lease of Room at north-east corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets. (Appendix No. 222.)

Which were referred to Committee on City Property.

Also,

The following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
November 6th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Joint Resolutions and Ordinance have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 3d inst. a Resolution authorizing property holders to have certain streets paved.

On the 3d inst. a Resolution to give notice of the opening of Carlton street, in the Fourteenth Ward.

On the 3d inst. a Resolution to authorize the grading of St. David street, in the Tenth Ward.

On the 3d inst. a Resolution to authorize the grading of Hancock street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

On the 5th inst. "An Ordinance to authorize the opening of Fitzwater street and other streets in the western part of the First Ward."

On the 6th inst. a Resolution directing the Department of Surveys to prepare a revised plan of the regulation and grades of so much of the Twenty-first Ward, as is embraced in the late Borough of Manayunk, extending the same north-eastward to the Ridge Road or Avenue, and secure the proper lines of the streets by permanent landmarks.

On the 6th inst. a Resolution to pay Joseph Fox, thirty-five dollars for laying out a road from Twenty-fourth Ward to Spring Mill.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor, is requested to return to Councils the Resolution entitled " A Resolution to authorize the construction of a culvert across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., in the Fifteenth Ward."

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following Resolution to authorize the Construction of a Drain across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., in the Fifteenth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to construct a Drain from the depression in the grade of the Upper Ferry Road, near the Wire Bridge, across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., into the Schuylkill River, said Drain to be of such dimensions and at such depth below the surface, as the Survey Department may determine, the expenses of the said Drain to be paid out of the appropriation made to the Department of Highways.

Mr. Leech

Moved to postpone the consideration of the subject for the present.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

Mr. Bevan,

From the Committee on Conference, appointed by the Select and Common Councils, in relation to the disagreement of the Chambers upon the amendment to the Bill providing for the sale of certain Real Estate of the City ;

submitted a report, fixing the rate of commissions, &c. (Appendix No. 223.)

The Report was adopted.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported as committed, an Ordinance from Select Council, to transfer certain appropriations from the Department of City Commissioners to the Department of City Property. (Appendix No. 224.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported as committed an Ordinance from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay certain road damages, partly in Certificates of City Debt, and partly in money." (Appendix No. 225.)

Mr. Hagner,

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. McCleary and Barber,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Bremer, Brownholtz, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Horrocks, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, McMakin, McManus McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Crease, William Deal, Henry, Holman, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Murphy, McCleary, O'Neill, Recktenwald and C. B. Roberts.

Yeas 36. Nays 13.

It was agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved that the vote by which the Third Section was adopted be reconsidered.

Agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Offered the following as an additional section, viz:

To Mary Mason, two thousand dollars; to Charles Davis, four hundred dollars; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Brown street, in the late District of Kensington.

Not agreed to.

The Title being under consideration,

Mr. Barber

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 10, Common

Council File, "to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., to pay certain road damages partly in certificates of debt and partly in money."

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed an Ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, to surrender possession of certain Station Houses, to compromise for the rent thereof and make an appropriation therefor.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Barber

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Police.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Schofield,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abr'm Baker, Barber, Barton, Boller, Booth, Bremer, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Ford, Hagner, Henry, Lex, Mecutchen, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Robb, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Brownholtz, Brouse, Crease, William Deal, Dougherty, Hassinger, Holman, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay,

Mascher, Melloy, Murphy, McCleary, O'Neill, Porter, Reektenwald, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 25. Nays 27.

It was not agreed to.

The Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And on the question to proceed to a third reading,

Mr. Schofield

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abr'm Baker, Barber, Barton, Boller, Booth, Bremer, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, King, Lex, Meentchen, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Brownholtz, Crease, William Deal, Dougherty, Hassinger, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Murphy, McManus, O'Neill, Porter, Reektenwald, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 32. Nays 23.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the Bill was postponed.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion to refer the Bill to the Committee on Police, was negatived.

Agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Police.

Agreed to.

It was so referred.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Submitted a report from the Committee on Highways, recommending the adoption of a Resolution from Select Council, as committed, awarding the contract to Lewis & Doyle, for grading Marshall street, in the Twentieth Ward. (Appendix No. 226.)

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report and Resolution to authorize the paving of Poplar street, in the Fifteenth Ward, and Orange street in the Third Ward. (Appendix No. 227.)

Mr. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend by adding as follows, "Provided the gutter be laid with stone of the usual kind used for that purpose."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted "An Ordinance to authorize the Superintendent of Trusts, to proceed to, and view the Lands in Centre County, Pennsylvania, devised to the City in trust by Elias Boudinot, and to employ Counsel to dispossess any person or persons who may be unlawfully in possession of the same, or any part thereof, and to make an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof, and also, to pay the Taxes on said Lands." (Appendix No. 228.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Bremer,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

Submitted a report recommending that the petition of Citizens relative to the removal of Coal Ashes from New street, be referred to the Committee on Highways. (Appendix No. 229.)

The Report was adopted.

The Petition was so referred.

Mr. Booth,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the consideration of "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against the Corporation,"

submitted September 25th, be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a Report recommending that the petition of Citizens, asking to have Fairmount street regulated and graded, be referred to the Committee on Highways. (Appendix No. 230.)

The Report was adopted.

The Petition was so referred.

Mr. Baird

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Commissioner of Markets be and he is hereby authorized to have the Dock at Pine street cleaned, at a cost not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be done under the supervision of the Committee of Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. William Deal

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution on page 114, Common Council Journal requiring the owners of property on Carlisle and Fifteenth streets, to curb and pave the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Brouse,

Chairman of the Committee on Markets,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses." (Appendix No. 231.)

Mr. Brouse

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Finance.

Not agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed, that they have passed the following :

Resolved, That Common Council be informed that this Council will meet them in Convention on Thursday, 13th inst., at 5 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing three Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad; three Directors of the Sunbury & Erie Railroad; three Directors of the North-Western Railroad; and to elect a Member of the Board of Health, for the Twenty-second Ward, in place of Dr. T. F. Betton, resigned, and one Member for the Twenty-first Ward, in place of ——— Thomas, resigned.

Mr. Mascher

Moved that Common Council concurs.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 41, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Controllers, for the purposes therein mentioned."

Also,

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department, for the purposes therein mentioned."

Also,

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Commissioners, for the purpose of paying salaries and other expenses incident to assessment and expenses of Elections in October and November, 1856.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to fix the lines on the Delaware river, between Pike street on the north and the Point House Wharf on the south, beyond which no Wharf nor Pier shall be constructed," with the following amendments :

In the First Section,

Strike out all after the fifth line and insert as follows :

"And in conformity with a plan made by authority of the Select and Common Councils of said City, and under the direction of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, which plan is made a part of this Ordinance, and shall be deposited among the archives of the City in the Department of Surveys, and a copy of said plan, verified by the Chief Engineer and

Surveyor shall be deposited in the Office of the Board of Port Wardens," and the said wharf-line shall henceforth conform, in all respects, to the figures on said plan, and the following description, to wit :—beginning at the north east corner of Lennig's Wharf, at mouth of Frankford Creek ; thence to the north side of Locust street, Twenty-third Ward, nine hundred feet from the east side of Garden street ; thence to the south line of the third main street above Juniata street, nine hundred and twenty feet east of the west side of Carbon street ; thence to the north side of the first main street above Juniata street, sixteen hundred and eighty-five feet east of the west side of Carbon street ; thence to the north side of Juniata street, nineteen hundred and seventy-five feet east of the west side of Carbon street ; thence to the north side of a street three hundred and thirty feet north of Luzerne street, two thousand and fifty feet east of the west side of Carbon street ; thence to the north line of Pike street, six hundred and seventy feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the north side of Erie avenue, seven hundred and eighty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the north side of Tioga street, eight hundred and thirty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the north side of Westmoreland street, seven hundred and eighty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the north side of Ann street, ten hundred and thirty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the south side of Cumberland street, five hundred and thirty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the south side of Wood street, three hundred and seventy feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the south side of Shackamaxon street, five hundred feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the south side of Green street, five hundred and twenty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the south side of Vine street, three hundred and five feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the north side of Chestnut street, two hundred and seventy feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to the north side of Spruce street, two hundred and eighty-six feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue ; thence to a

point one hundred and eighteen feet north of the north line of Lombard street, two hundred and eighty-two feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue, in line with the south side of Burton's wharf; thence to the south side of Christian street, four hundred and fifty feet east of the west side of Wharf street; thence to the north side of Dickinson street, five hundred and sixty feet east of the west side of Wharf street; thence to the north side of Porter street, twenty five hundred and sixty feet east of the east side of East street; thence to the north side of Johnson street, thirty-one hundred and thirty feet east of the east side of East street; thence to the north side of the fourth street south of Johnson street, thirty-two hundred and ninety feet east of the east line of East street; thence to the north side of Point-House wharf, in line with the north side, ninety feet east of the north-east corner of said wharf, as the same is set forth on said plans. The distance in all cases to be measured in the direction of street lines.

Provided, That no permit shall hereafter be granted by the Board of Port Wardens to extend any wharf between South and Vine streets, until the owner or owners thereof shall have conveyed to the city of Philadelphia so much of his or their property east of Delaware avenue as will be required to make said avenue fifty feet in width from the established line of buildings on the western line thereof.

And provided, That no permit shall be granted by the Board of Port Wardens for the extension of any wharf or wharves south of Prime street, until the owner or owners thereof shall have dedicated to the city of Philadelphia so much of their property as may be required to open a wharf street or avenue of one hundred feet in width from the aforesaid Prime street to the Point-House; the west side of said avenue in no case to approach nearer to the wharf line hereby established, than five hundred feet.

And Provided further, That no permit shall be granted by the Board of Port Wardens to extend any wharf between the angle on Penn street, southwest of Shackamaxon street and Marlborough street, until the owner or owners thereof shall have dedicated to the city of Philadelphia so much of his or their property as may be required for the extension of

Penn street, from said angle with a width of seventy feet to intersect Delaware avenue at Marlborough street.

“And the property conveyed and dedicated as herein set forth, shall be for opening and widening the streets herein named, and for no other purpose.”

In the Second Section,

Insert after the words “Board of,” in the seventh line, the word “Port.”

In the Third Section,

Insert after the word “length,” in the fourth line, the words “measuring from its eastern line,” and after the word “shore,” in same line, the word “and,” and after the word “oak,” in the ninth line, the words “or to be of iron of such size and form as shall be approved by the Board of Port Wardens.”

In the Fourth Section,

Insert after the word “any,” in the first line, the word “new,” and after the word “wharf,” in the same line, the words “or to the extension of any wharf.”

In the Title,

Strike out “Pike street,” and insert “Frankford Creek.”

Referred to the Committees on Port Wardens, &c., and on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Bill on page 154, Select Council Appendix, “relating to Building Permits, Hackney Coaches, Omnibusses, &c.”

Not agreed to.

Mr. Melloy

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the property owners on a certain twenty-five feet wide

street, running from Master to Jefferson street, between Eighth and Franklin streets, be directed to set the curb and pave the footways in front of their respective properties according to law.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways are hereby directed to report at the next meeting of Councils, upon the proposals for cleansing the streets in the Third and Fourth Wards.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways, be authorized and required to notify the owners of property over which Broad street has been laid out, from the Germantown Road to Nicetown Lane, in the Twenty-third Ward, that the said street will be opened as a public highway, at the end of three months from said notice, in pursuance of the direction contained in the Seventh Section of the Consolidation Act.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Select Council

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an additional appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1856."

Also,

In the Resolution requiring the Department of Highways to request the Northern Liberties and Richmond Gas Companies to lay pipe in certain streets.

Also,

In the Resolution to authorize the Department of Highways to advertise for proposals for the construction of

a culvert on Vine street and over Cohocksink Creek, with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the word "Schuylkill," in the 4th line, and insert "a culvert from Sixth and Thompson street, down Thompson street to Germantown Avenue and down said avenue to Cohocksink Creek, with a lateral culvert to extend from the intersection of Germantown Avenue and Cohocksink Creek, on the line of said Creek, to connect with the culvert in Culvert street. Also a culvert on Moore street, from Swanson to Ninth street and up Ninth to Morris street, in accordance with plans and specifications to be furnished by the Department of Surveys."

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN D. MILES,

Clerk of Common Council.



APPENDIX

TO THE

JOURNAL OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

APPENDIX No. 1.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCILS.

SELECT COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
May 22d, 1856. }

Select Council inform Common Council, that they have non-concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils," approved July 30, 1854.

AN ORDINANCE

To repeal an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils," approved May 3, 1854.

The Select and Common Councils do ordain that an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils," approved July 3, 1854, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 2.

COMMUNICATION FROM SOLICITOR IN REFERENCE TO GIRARD
BEQUESTS.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, May 20, 1856. }

*To the Hon. the Select and Common Councils of the City
of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—Certain documents have recently been received at this Department, which show that various persons claiming to be the heirs of Stephen Girard, have presented their Petition in the Second District Court of New Orleans, alleging that the Trusts in Mr. Girard's will are invalid, that the cities of New Orleans and Philadelphia have no legal capacity to hold property under that will, and praying the Court to decree the petitioners to be the owners of certain lands lying in the Parish of Ouachita, in the State of Louisiana. On the presentation of the petition, the Court appointed H. T. Hays, Esq., *curator ad hoc*, to represent the City of Philadelphia, and to protect her interests until she could be heard from. The first letter to this department on the subject is from Mr. Hays to Mr. Olmstead, under date of April 17, 1856, stating his appointment, and expressing his views in regard to the nature and object of the suit. From this letter it appears that these are the same lands for which the Cities of Philadelphia and New Orleans brought suit against the United States, and the title to which was discussed by the Supreme Court, in 11 Howard's Reports, 609. Mr. Hays mentions that the Court at New Orleans had granted to him a reasonable time to write and to obtain a reply, and intimates that his appointment by the Court does not preclude the City of Philadelphia from selecting other counsel.

The next letter is from J. Livingston, Esq., the Attorney of the City of New Orleans, and bears date 24th April, 1856. Mr. L. discusses the mode of conducting the case, and states that if no other counsel has been selected, he will be happy to act for the City of Philadelphia.

On the best judgment which I am able to form from the papers before me, I think it highly desirable, and perhaps indispensable, that counsel in New Orleans should be appointed to take charge of the interests of the City of Philadelphia which are involved in this suit; and as I know of no power in this department to designate such counsel, and no appropriation whatever from which to compensate him for his services, I have deemed it proper to bring the subject to the notice of Councils, and to solicit their action upon it.

Very respectfully,

W. A. PORTER,

City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 3.

COMMUNICATION FROM SOLICITOR IN REFERENCE TO FINANCES OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

To the Hon. the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The undersigned, City Solicitor, in answer to two certain resolutions, passed by Select Council on the 15th of May 1856, requiring him to communicate the balance to the credit of his department out of the appropriation made by Councils for the year 1856; the amount of warrants issued by said department remaining unpaid on the 12th day of May, 1856, and in whose favor and for what purpose said unpaid warrants were drawn, respectfully reports :

That having but recently assumed control of his office, he cannot answer, from his personal knowledge; but upon examination of the books and papers in his possession, and from other sources of information to which he could procure access, the results seem to be as follows :

The balance at this time to the credit of this department, out of the appropriations for 1856, appears to be \$11,275 01.

The amount of warrants issued by this department, unpaid to the 12th day of May, exclusive, appears to be \$6,660 75.

The outstanding warrants unpaid to May 12th, 1856, exclusive, referred to above, appear to be as follows :

No. 152.	Geo. Crest, Sheriff's costs,	\$15 00
" 153.	John Clayton, for costs,	29 73
" 158.	Kay & Brother, Law Books,	100 50
" 170.	J. W. Weer, Lettering Signs,	8 70
" 176.	J. W. Fletcher, Prothonotary's costs,	203 75
" 191.	J. B. Smith, Binding 1000 Digests,	637 50
" 197.	J. H. Jones & Co. Printing Digest,	800 00
" 198.	J. H. Jones & Co. Printing Digest,	800 00
" 199.	J. H. Jones & Co. Printing Digest,	558 75
" 200.	Leonard Myers, Editing Digest,	1000 00
" 201.	W. Duane, Editing Digest,	1000 00
" 202.	W. B. Hood, Editing and compiling Digest,	1000 00
" 207.	Archer & Warner, Furnishing Office,	33 12
" 213.	E. Poulson, Miscellaneous Expenses,	12 00
" 214.	J. B. Orne, Furnishing Office,	104 81
" 217.	J. B. Gibson, Prothonotary's costs,	250 00
" 223.	Crissy & Markley, Printing,	24 25
" 224.	W. Moran, Advertising Claims,	83 00
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		\$6,660 75

Very Respectfully,

W. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 4.

STATEMENT OF THE FUNDED DEBT OF THE CITY OF
PHILADELPHIA, TO MAY 10, 1856.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY TREASURER, }
GIRARD BANK, Philadelphia, May 22, 1856. }

*To the President and Members of the Common Council of
the City of Philadelphia;*

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance to the resolution, passed by your honorable body on the 15th inst. I present the enclosed statement of the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia, to the 10th inst. inclusive, showing the same to be eighteen millions, four hundred and thirty-one thousand, five hundred dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$18,431,500 87.)

The amount of the Floating Debt is unknown to this department of the city government.

Very Respectfully,

F. KNOX MORTON,

City Treasurer.

FUNDED DEBT OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

YEAR WHEN DUE.	MONTH WHEN DUE.	FIVE PER CENT. LOANS.	SIX PER CENT. LOANS.	TOTALS OF EACH YEAR.
1856,	January,	\$ 8.800.00	\$ 150.350.00	\$ 159.150.00
	July,	41.168.75	200.00	41.368.75
		49.968.75	150.550.00	200.518.75
1857,	January,	48.400.00	88.991.55	137.391.55
	July,	49.000.00	3.100.00	52.100.00
		97.400.00	92.091.55	189.491.55
1858,	January,	60.700.00	54.250.00	114.950.00
	July,	54.800.00	1.778.26	56.078.26
		115.500.00	55.528.26	171.028.26
1859,	January,	92.894.20	3.000.00	95.894.20
	July,	19.000.00	320.00	19.320.80
		111.894.20	3.320.80	115.215.00
1860,	January,	726.943.65	343.187.00	1,070.130.65
	July,	149.700.00	35.076.55	184.776.55
		876.643.65	378.263.55	1,254.907.20
1861,	January,	167.173.16	88.500.00	255.673.16
	July,	16.700.00		16.700.00
		183.873.16	88.500.00	272.373.16
1862,	January,	68.800.00	32.000.00	100.800.00
	July,	49.600.00	6.196.49	55.796.49
		118.400.00	38.196.49	156.596.49
1863,	January,	116.300.00	57.643.00	173.943.00
	July,	100.000.00	3.815.00	103.815.00
		216.300.00	61.458.00	277.758.00

FUNDED DEBT—CONTINUED.

YEAR WHEN DUE.	MONTH WHEN DUE.	FIVE PER CENT. LOANS.	SIX PER CENT. LOANS.	TOTALS OF EACH YEAR.
1864,	January, July,	\$ 52.000.00	\$ 47.320.00	\$ 99.320.00
		82.700.00	440.00	83.140.00
		134.700.00	47.760.00	182.460.00
1865,	January, July,	16.600.00	100.740.00	117.340.00
		396.100.00	2.900.00	399.000.00
		412.700.00	103.640.00	516.340.00
1866,	January, July,	2.000.00	1.500.00	3.500.00
		65.500.00	29.370.32	94.870.32
		67.500.00	30.870.32	98.370.32
1867,	January, July,	153.600.00	34.906.28	188.506.28
			50.920.75	50.920.75
		153.600.00	85.827.03	239.427.03
1868,	January, July,	132.954.04	103.527.39	132.954.04
				103.527.39
		132.954.04	103.527.39	236.481.43
1869,	January, July,	100.293.15	5.853.00	106.146.15
			1.880.20	1.880.20
		100.293.15	7.733.20	108.026.35
1870,	January, July,	122.800.00	136.514.58	359.314.58
			40.467.61	40.467.61
		122.800.00	176.982.19	299.782.19
1871,	January, July,	133.400.00	207.795.66	341.195.66
			28.750.00	28.750.00
		133.400.00	236.545.66	369.945.66

FUNDED DEBT—CONTINUED.

YEAR WHEN DUE.	MONTH WHEN DUE.	FIVE PER CENT. LOANS.	SIX PER CENT. LOANS.	TOTALS OF EACH YEAR.
1872,	January,	\$ 97,600,00	\$ 119,250,00	\$ 216,850,00
	July,		14,300,00	14,300,00
		97,600,00	133,550,00	231,150,00
1873,	January,	100,900,00	595,489,53	696,389,53
	July,		71,359,00	71,359,00
		100,900,00	666,848,53	767,748,53
1874,	January,	53,900,00	113,061,70	166,961,70
	July,		100,00	100,00
		53,900,00	113,161,70	167,061,70
1875,	January,	15,000,00	106,000,00	121,000,00
	July,		8,500,00	8,500,00
		15,000,00	114,500,00	129,500,00
1876,	January,	9,400,00	180,091,80	189,491,80
	July,		437,662,10	437,662,10
		9,400,00	617,753,90	627,153,90
1877,	January,	2,000,00	36,376,00	38,376,00
	July,		254,501,67	254,501,67
		2,000,00	290,877,67	292,877,67
1878,	January,	2,000,00	90,031,45	92,031,45
	July,		221,800,00	221,800,00
		2,000,00	311,031,45	313,831,45
1879,	January,	2,000,00	27,800,00	29,800,00
	July,		250,000,00	250,000,00
		2,000,00	277,800,00	279,800,00

FUNDED DEBT—CONTINUED.

YEAR WHEN DUE.	MONTH WHEN DUE.	FIVE PER CENT. LOANS.	SIX PER CENT. LOANS.	TOTALS OF EACH YEAR.
1880,	January, July,	\$ 76,198.42	352,145.80 227,400.00	\$ 428,344.22 227,400.00
		76,198.42	579,545.80	655,744.22
1881,	January, July,	32,600.00	1,279,520.64 340,000.00	1,312,120.64 340,000.00
		32,600.00	1,619,520.64	1,652,120.64
1882,	January, July,	9,400.00	20,000.00 375,000.00	29,400.00 375,000.00
		9,400.00	395,000.00	404,400.00
1883,	January, July,	3,000.00	152,501.10 252,753.47	155,501.10 252,753.47
		3,000.00	405,254.57	408,254.57
1884,	January, July,	10,600.00	1,002,000.00 348,800.00	1,012,600.00 348,800.00
		10,600.00	1,350,800.00	1,361,400.00
1885,	January, July,	3,850.00	80,000.00 158,000.00	83,850.00 158,000.00
		3,850.00	238,000.00	241,850.00
1886,	July,		250,000.00	250,000.00
1887,	July,		256,409.84	256,409.84
1888,	July,		225,000.00	225,000.00
1889,	January, July,		764,200.00 250,000.00	764,200.00 250,000.00
			1,014,200.00	1,014,200.00

FUNDED DEBT—CONTINUED.

YEAR WHEN DUE.	MONTH WHEN DUE.	FIVE PER CENT. LOANS.	SIX PER CENT. LOANS.	TOTALS OF EACH YEAR.
1890,	January, July,		\$ 500,000,00 250,000,00	\$ 500,000,00 250,000,00
			750,000,00	750,000,00
1891,	July,		250,000,00	250,000,00
1892,	January,		925,000,00	925,000,00
1893,	January, July,		159,800,00 22,413,51	159,800,00 22,413,51
			182,213,51	182,213,51
1894,	January,		30,000,00	30,000,00
1904,	January,		44,552,23	44,552,23

1856, January. Am't brought forward, \$16,148,989,65
 From the above sum there is to
 be deducted the Sinking Fund of
 the Guardians of the Poor, which
 has not been cancelled, - 35,162,53

16,113,827,12

Loans due and unpaid prior to
 January, 1856, - - - 50,443,75

16,164,270,87

LOANS CREATED SINCE CONSOLIDATION.

North-Western Railroad,	-	525,000,00
Sunbury & Erie Railroad,	-	300,000,00
Philadelphia Gas Works,	-	374,700,00
Certain Contracts,	- - -	96,900,00
Road Damages and Telegraph Fire Alarm,	- - - -	50,800,00
Loan of \$1,000,000,	- - -	995,000,00

Off, 18,506,670,87

Loans paid from January 1, 1856,
 to the 10th inst. - - - 75,170,00

1856, May 10th. Funded debt of City
 of Philadelphia, - - \$18,431,500,87

RECAPITULATION.

	FIVE PER CENTS.	SIX PER CENTS.	TOTAL.
1856,	49,968,75	150,550,00	200,518,75
1857,	97,400,00	92,091,55	189,491,55
1858,	115,500,00	55,528,26	171,028,26
1859,	111,894,20	3,320,80	115,215,00
1860,	876,643,65	378,263,55	1,254,907,20
1861,	183,873,16	88,500,00	272,373,16
1862,	118,400,00	38,196,49	156,596,49
1863,	216,300,00	61,458,00	277,758,00
1864,	134,700,00	47,760,00	182,460,00
1865,	412,700,00	103,640,00	516,340,00
1866,	67,500,00	30,870,32	98,370,32
1867,	153,600,00	85,827,03	239,427,03
1868,	132,954,04	103,527,39	236,481,43
1869,	100,293,15	7,733,20	108,026,35
1870,	122,800,00	176,982,19	299,782,19
1871,	133,400,00	236,545,66	369,945,66
1872,	97,600,00	133,550,00	231,150,00
1873,	100,900,00	666,848,53	767,748,53
1874,	53,900,00	113,161,70	167,061,70
1875,	15,000,00	114,500,00	129,500,00
1876,	9,400,00	617,753,90	627,153,90
1877,	2,000,00	290,877,67	292,877,67
1878,	2,000,00	311,831,45	313,831,45
1879,	2,000,00	277,800,00	279,800,00
1880,	76,198,42	579,545,80	655,744,22
1881,	32,600,00	1,619,520,64	1,652,120,64
1882,	9,400,00	395,000,00	404,400,00
1883,	3,000,00	405,254,57	408,254,57
1884,	10,600,00	1,350,800,00	1,361,400,00
1885,	3,850,00	238,000,00	241,850,00
1886,		250,000,00	250,000,00
1887,		256,409,84	256,409,84
1888,		255,000,00	225,000,00
1889,		1,014,200,00	1,014,200,00
1890,		750,000,00	750,000,00
1891,		250,000,00	250,000,00
1892,		925,000,00	925,000,00
1893,		182,213,51	182,213,51
1894,		30,000,00	30,000,00
1904,		44,552,23	44,552,23
	\$3,446,375,37	\$12,702,614,28	\$16,148,989,65

APPENDIX No. 5.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUNBURY
AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.

OFFICE OF THE SUNBURY & ERIE RAILROAD Co. }
Philadelphia, May 22d, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia,

GENTLEMEN:—By an Ordinance of the City of Philadelphia, provision has been made for the payment of the remaining instalments, on the stock of this Company held by the City, but the delivery of the Certificates of the City Loan has been fixed at such remote periods as seriously to embarrass the finances of the Company, and require heavy payments of extra interest on temporary loans. As a large proportion of this heavy interest is paid either directly or indirectly by the City, it seems to me that both sound policy and economy would be subserved by an immediate payment of these instalments, rather than they should be withheld at such a sacrifice.

The late Finance Committee of Councils agreed unanimously to introduce a resolution authorizing an early delivery of the certificates, and I respectfully ask that the subject may now have the early attention of Councils.

I also deem it desirable that the City authorities should be made perfectly familiar with the present position and future prospects of the Company, and the great work which it was established to construct; and, to that end, I would further request, that a Committee be appointed to confer with our Board, the members of which will be pleased to communicate to such Committee all the facts which an intelligent and proper action and the protection of the City interests may require.

Very Respectfully,

S. V. MERRICK,

President of the Sunbury & Erie R. R. Co.

APPENDIX No. 6.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT OF THE FUNDED AND FLOATING DEBT
OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, TO MAY 10, 1856,*To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia,*

GENTLEMEN :—I have been furnished by the Clerk of Common Council with the copy of a Resolution, passed by your body, May 15th, which runs as follows:—"Resolved, That the Controller and City Treasurer each be requested to furnish to Councils, at their next Stated Meeting, two separate accounts, one containing the Funded, and the other the Floating Debt of the Consolidated City, up to the 10th of May, 1856."

In accordance with said Resolution, I respectfully transmit to your honorable body the information required, which you may rely upon as correct.

FUNDED DEBT OF THE CITY OF
PHILADELPHIA.

JANUARY 1st, 1856.

In my annual statement to Councils, made January 17th, 1856, page 86, you will find there was redeemed of Loans belonging to the funded debt of the City, during the year 1855, \$412,176 40, and new Certificates of Loan had been issued to the amount of \$617,200, making the Funded Debt of the City, December 31, 1855,	\$16,781,470 87
Redeemed by City Treasurer to May 10th, 1856, inclusive,	75,170 00
Leaving debt prior to 1856,	\$16,706,300 87

NEW LOANS CREATED BY COUNCILS, ISSUED TO DATE.

North-Western Railroad Co.	-	150,000	00
Philadelphia Gas Works,	-	243,900	00
Road Damages and Fire Alarm Telegraph,	-	36,300	00
Sunbury and Erie Railroad Co.	-	300,000	00
Loan of 1,000,000, to defray expenses,	-	995,000	00

Total Funded Debt to May 10th,
1856, - - - - \$18,431,500 87

FLOATING DEBT OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, TO MAY 10, INCLUSIVE.

JANUARY 1, 1856.

Outstanding Warrants, as per my Report to Councils, January 17, 1856, page 86,	-	-	-	\$1,536,599	68
Paid by City Treasurer, to May 10th, 1856, inclusive,	-	-	-	1,026,390	46

Outstanding Warrants of 1855, \$510,209 22

MAY 10th, 1856.

Warrants Countersigned for 1856,	1,703,848	26
Paid by City Treasurer to May 10, 1856,	1,546,728	23

Outstanding Warrants of 1856, \$157,120 03

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding Warrants of	
1855,	\$510,209 23
Do. 1856,	157,120 03

Total Floating Debt, May 10, 1856, \$667,329 25

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. HENDERSON,

City Controller.

APPENDIX No. 7.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS, }
Philadelphia, May 21, 1856. }

To the Hon. the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Pursuant to the Ordinance approved May 17th, 1856, the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings reports, that the only unfinished work he has now in progress is cleansing such Docks as have been ordered by Councils, the execution of which he has directed to be discontinued.

The propriety and urgent necessity for cleansing the Docks belonging to the City, cannot be too strongly pressed upon the attention of Councils, both as a sanitary measure, and as of the utmost importance to the commerce of the City.

The following bills have been presented for payment, viz:

Spencer Bonsall, surveying Delaware front, - - - - -	\$325 00
James P. Davis, surveying Delaware front, 5th District, - - -	400 00
Joseph Paynter, paving Race St. wharf, 215 53-100 yards, new paving, at \$1 per yard; - - -	\$215 53
441 69-100 yards old paving, at 50 cents per yard, - - -	220 84
75 loads of gravel, at 75 cents, -	56 25
60 " earth, at 25 cents, -	15 00
5 team loads of stone, at \$3,50, -	15 25
One half measurement, - - -	3 46
State Taxes for 1855, - - -	287 00
State Taxes for 1856, - - -	261 00
	526 33

Peter Emery, repairing Pine street wharf, Schuylkill, (contract) - - -	\$300 00
Thomas Merritt, repairing Bridesburg wharf, Del. 43 days' work, @ \$1,75 per day, - - -	\$75 25
1600 feet Hemlock plank, - - -	22 40
1000 " Oak piling, - - -	30 00
600 " Wharf timber, - - -	42 00
250 pounds of Iron, - - -	11 25
4 days Piling machine, - - -	6 00
	186 85
Thomas Merritt, repairing Race street wharf, raising the front and sides of the wharf 10 inches, (distance of 80 feet,) new cap logs, ordinance pieces, 8 by 8 inches, and 8 Oak fenders, - - -	135 00
New cap log on South street wharf, - - - - -	25 00
Two steamboat fenders, Chesnut street wharf, - - - - -	15 00
John D. Moss, for labor, six days on Race street wharf; Four on Christian street wharf; Five on Washington street wharf:—15 days @ 1,50 per day, - - -	22 50
Daily News, advertising wharves, - - -	6 00
Daily Sun, " " - - -	1 50
Daily Morning Times, - - -	5 04
Crissy & Markley, 100 copies of notices, - - - - -	2 00
Thomas Mansfield, repairs on Arch street wharf, (paving)	
Joseph Hufty, Blanks and Stationery, - - - - -	55 12
Cooley & Somers, cleansing Race street docks, 1165 yards, at 40 cents, - - - - -	466 00
Cooley & Somers, cleansing Christian street dock, removing 660 yards of mud, at 40 cents, - - -	264 00

Cleansing Washington street	
docks, removing 990 yards, @ 40	
cents, - - - - -	396 00
Amounting to - - - - -	<u>\$3,717 71</u>

Christian and Washington street docks are unfinished.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HORNER,

Superintendent of Wharves and Landings.

APPENDIX No. 8.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STREETS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered at the meeting on Thursday, May 15, 1856, upon the subject of cleaning the streets of the Second District, with instructions to report as to the best mode of cleansing the streets of the City; report:—

That upon application to Mr. Birch, Chief Commissioner of Highways, he very promptly furnished them with the following statement of the cost of cleaning the streets within the First and Third Districts, for eleven months, commencing 1st of November, 1854, and ending 1st of October, 1855, during which time the work was done by the Supervisors hiring men and

carts. The cost in the First District, composed of the first four Wards, was as follows;

First Ward,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,594 55
Second "	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,896 99
Third "	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,987 93
Fourth "	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,125 71
Total Eleven months,							<u>\$17,605 18</u>

This would make the average cost for one year,	\$19,205 65
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The contract for cleaning this District for one year, from October 1st, 1855, is held by John Schaffer, for the sum of \$12,000.

And the cost of the Third District, composed of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards, for eleven months, were as follows:

Thirteenth Ward,	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,977 05
Fourteenth “	-	-	-	-	-	4,604 37
Fifteenth “	-	-	.	.	.	3,235 05
Twentieth “	-	-	-	-	-	3,016 80
Total,						<u>\$14,833 27</u>

Making the average cost in a year,	\$16,181 75
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This District is under contract with Betchel & Sowers, for one year from October 1, 1855, at eleven thousand dollars.

It will thus be seen that the cost of cleansing the streets by the Supervisors, employing men and carts, is about fifty per cent greater than the sum paid for cleaning them by contract, although it appears to be generally conceded that the streets were kept cleaner by the former mode than by the latter.

Your Committee would observe that there is a good deal of complaint about the streets not being properly cleaned, some of which is no doubt well founded. Piles of kitchen offal and of vegetable and other mat-

ter, are allowed to accumulate at the ends of courts and alleys, and filth is permitted to choke up the gutters, especially at the street crossings, which, laying day after day in the sun, become extremely offensive to the eye as well as to the olfactories. And if the contractors would give especial attention to those places where the filth most rapidly accumulates, they might omit the very frequent sweepings of the more cleanly localities, without complaint on the part of citizens.

The Committee would also observe that it is impossible to keep the streets entirely clean of dust. It is asserted that there is an Ordinance of the old City, that forbids the sweeping of the earth from the instertices between the pebble stones. During the summer season, a thunder shower will create mud, and the transition from mud to dust is effected in about twelve hours of sunshine. Mud and dust would therefore seem to be incidents to the climate of Philadelphia, and the people must make up their minds to bear to some extent the evil arising from them. It should also be remembered that the travel over our streets by horses and vehicles, is about ten-fold greater than it was twenty or thirty years ago, which necessarily causes more dust than formerly.

Your Committee are of the opinion that by proper attention and energy on the part of the officers of the City, the contractors can be required to perform their duties, at least up to the spirit, if not to the letter of their contracts.

By the provisions of the Consolidation Law, it is made the duty of the Mayor, "to be vigilant and active in causing the laws and ordinances of the City to be duly executed." And he may, by means of the police, have all delinquencies on the part of the contractor immediately reported to the proper department, and the contractor summarily dealt with according to the terms of his contract.

By one of the sections to the Supplement to the Consolidation Law, passed at the late Session of the Legislature, it is provided that all work to be done by the City, shall be done by contract, and although it

might be doubted whether this would be considered to apply to the subject of cleaning the streets, yet your Committee are of the opinion that it is most expedient for Councils to yield a compliance to the spirit of the law, and to continue to cleanse the streets by the mode that has been hitherto generally adopted.

The Committee would suggest that the contracts should be made so that they will expire on the first day of October. Mr. Birkley's contract for the Second District, composed of the old City, expired on the 20th of March of the present year. At that time a large quantity of filth and coal ashes, that could not be removed during the winter, had accumulated; and if a new contractor had then commenced, he would have been obliged to remove a large quantity of dirt that ought to have been taken away by his predecessor. On the first of October the streets are generally more clean than at any other period, and it is in all respects the most favorable season for a change of contractors.

The Committee would also suggest that the Second District, comprising the whole of the old City, be divided into two parts, to be separated by the north line of Chesnut street. This will make two sections of convenient size, and will enable contractors of more moderate means to undertake the work of cleaning them, and will probably secure a more complete prosecution of the work. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution;

Resolved. That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to advertise for proposals for cleaning the Second District, comprising the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Wards of the City; said District to be parted into two divisions—the lower division to consist of all of the said Wards south of the north line of Chesnut street; and the upper division to consist of all of the said Wards north of the north line of Chesnut street. Said proposals or bids to be made upon the basis of specifications issued from the Department of Highways, bearing date the 3d of March, 1856, with such modifications therein, if any, that the Com-

mittee on Highways or the Chief Commissioner may suggest.

Each bidder to bid for but one of the divisions, and for the period of time commencing with the day of the execution of the contract, and ending with the 1st of October, 1857, and said bidders may also propose for the said work for the period ending with the 1st of October, 1859.

Said advertisements to state the day and time up to which the proposals will be received. The proposals to be opened by the Chief Commissioner, in the presence of the Committee of Highways, at a meeting to be called for that purpose, and the said Committee shall report to Councils at the next stated meeting, the names of the said bidders, and the amount bid by each respectively.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
RICHARD PARKER.

May 22, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 9.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY SOLICITOR ON CITY RAILROAD TOLLS.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, May 28, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—I deem it my duty to call your attention to an Act of Assembly which has been recently passed in regard to the City Railroad, and which in my judgment materially affects the value of that improvement. It is entitled “An Act to provide for the ordinary expenses of government,” &c. and it received

the executive sanction on the 13th inst. The 41st section contains in substance, a proviso that from and after the 1st day of May, it shall not be lawful for the City of Philadelphia to charge and collect tolls on the City Railroad for any greater distance than that actually used, including the Bridge over the Schuylkill river at Market street. You are doubtless aware that by the Acts of Assembly of 2d of August, 1842, and 10th of April, 1849, and the Ordinance of 24th of November, 1842, in charging the tolls on this road, all distances under half a mile are directed to be computed as half a mile, and all distances over half a mile and under one mile to be computed as one mile, and the Bridge over the Schuylkill, owing to its greater cost, is by the same Acts considered as one mile of road. The effect of this new provision, if it can be enforced, will certainly be to diminish vastly the revenue of the road. Thus, for example, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, from their depot at Market and Juniper streets, have heretofore paid toll on their freight for two miles, and their bill for the month of April last, was \$1,024 65. Under the new law they would pay on but one mile, which would diminish their bill for that period to \$512,32½. The same Company, in conjunction with Messrs. Bingham & Dock, have heretofore paid toll for their passengers on 2½ miles, and their bill for the month of April last, was \$267 37. Under the operation of the new law it would be \$138 69. So of other companies and firms. About half the revenue which the City has heretofore derived from the road will thus be destroyed at a blow. The amount of tolls received in 1855, was \$15,889 74, and the expenditures for iron, tools, spikes, wages of laborers, and superintendents' and watchmen's salaries, was \$7,310 41. If the half of the gross receipts should thus be cut off, the remaining half would scarcely pay the expenses of maintaining the road, not to mention the interest on the cost.

Under these circumstances it seems not a little surprising that so important a provision should have been thrust into the corner of an appropriation bill, and

that no notice of its intended passage should have been given to my predecessor in office, or so far as I know, to any other officer of the City government. Owing to the peculiar phraseology of this portion of the Act, there is a doubt when it should go into effect, and there is a question how far the Commonwealth can thus regulate the highways of a municipal corporation, and a still further question, how far the former can diminish or destroy the resources of a road previously constructed by her own authority. On these questions, I shall be pleased to express to Councils such views as I entertain, whenever they are ready to hear them. For the present, I have deemed it the duty of the Law Department simply to give this notice of a change in the law, to suggest its probable effects, and the propriety of such action on the subject as shall cause the Act of Assembly and the Ordinances to harmonize, or as shall bring the validity of the law to a proper test.

Very respectfully,

W. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor

A SUPPLEMENT

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on City Property to whom was referred the Resolution from Select Council, "requiring the sale of certain real estate, which is directed to be made under an Ordinance, approved May 7, 1856, to take place under the supervision of the Committee on City Property, at such time and in such portions as they may direct," report the following bill, entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate vested in the City of Philadelphia."

T. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman.*
DAVID BEVAN,
J. T. VODGES,
F. McMANUS.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate vested in the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia do ordain. That so much of "An Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate vested in the City of Philadelphia," approved the seventh day of May, 1856, as implies that the Commissioner of City Property is authorized to proceed to sell the whole number of lots and pieces or parcels of real estate contained in the schedule attached, and made part of said Ordinance, immediately after a certain number of days notice, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of City Property, under the direction and supervision of a joint committee of six members from each chamber, to make out and prepare a list of the price or value of each lot, piece or parcel embraced in the schedule of the aforesaid Ordinance, and report the same to Councils.

SEC. 3. The Commissioner of City Property shall advertise and sell at public sale, only such lots, pieces or parcels, and in such quantities as the joint special committee aforesaid may direct and authorise. *Provided*, no lot, piece or parcel, shall be sold for a less sum than that attached to it, agreeable to the second section of this Supplement.

W. C. PATTERSON,

President of Common Council.

G. M. WHARTON,

President of Select Council.

*Attest:—*JOHN D. MILES,

Clerk of Common Council.

Approved this thirty-first day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 10.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Resolution from Select Council, approving of the sureties of Peter Armbruster, Receiver of Taxes elect, having inquired into the sufficiency of the sureties proposed, report the resolution as committed, and recommend that Common Council concur in its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
THOS. CRAVEN.

June 5, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 11.REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ON INSTALMENTS TO
SUNBURY AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, beg leave to report the accompanying resolution entitled "A Resolution to

authorize the City Treasurer to anticipate certain instalments on the subscription to the Capital Stock of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company," and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

June 5, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the issue of certificates to pay instalments to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to issue certificates of City Debt, on the 1st day of July, 1856, to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, to pay the instalment due to the said Company on that day, and the instalment to grow due on the 1st day of October, 1856, by virtue of an Ordinance approved on the 2nd day of February, 1856, and any resolutions or provisions inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 12.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

Your Watering Committee, to whom was referred a

bill from the Germantown Water Company, for the sum of \$338 75 for the use of 55 fire-plugs for the year 1856, and for water rent on Town Hall, for the years 1855 and 1856, and also for oiling and strawing the said plugs for the years 1854 and 1855, in the 22d Ward, would respectfully beg leave to report an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$275 00 as payment for the use of said plugs. The charge of \$39 75 for water rent of Town Hall, they would ask to be referred to the Committee on City Property, as the said property is under their charge; and the charge of \$24 00 for oiling and strawing the said plugs. the Committee would report against its payment, believing it to be the duty of the Water Company to keep the said plugs in a condition to be used by the city, when necessary.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
 WILLIAM HORROCKS,
 THOMAS MARSH,
 JOSEPH P. FITLER,
 BENJ. F. WRIGHT,
 ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
 CHARLES E. LEX.

June 5, 1856.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

TO GERMANTOWN WATER CO. DR.

1856—Jan. 1. To use of water for 55
 Fire Plugs, from Jan. 1, 1856, to
 Jan. 1, 1857, at \$5 per annum
 each, - - - - - - \$275 00

No. 178—To use of water, Town Hall,			
from Jan. 1, 1856, to Jan. 1,			
1857, Hydrants,	-	-	\$9 00
4 Water Closets,	\$3 each,	12	00
2 Wash Basins,	\$2	"	4 00—25 00
			<hr/>
			\$300 00

"The above bill, under the general rules of the Company, is subject to the following charges. If paid at the Company's office before the 10th of January, a discount of 5 per cent. And if not paid by April 1st, an addition of 5 per cent. And if not paid by July 1st, a further addition of 5 per cent., making 10 per cent. addition on the bill as it now stands.

Office hours, January 1st to 10th, from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M.

After the 10th, 8 to 10 A. M., and 4 to 6 P. M.

1856—Jan. 1. To amount of Water			
Rent Bill, 1855, unpaid, Town			
Hall,	-	-	\$14 75
1854—Oct. 15. To oiling and strawing			
55 plugs, time of two men,			
horse, cart, and 70 bundles of			
straw,	-	-	12 00
1855—Nov. 26. Time of two men,			
horse, cart, and 70 bundles of			
straw and oiling 55 Fire Plugs,	-		12 00
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			\$338 75

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department for Supplying the City with Water.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two

hundred and seventy-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the department for supplying the city with water, for the purpose of paying the same to the Germantown Water Company, for the use of fifty-five fire plugs in the Twenty-second Ward, for the year 1856.

SEC. 2. A warrant for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water.

APPENDIX No. 13.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Water Works respectfully report the annexed Ordinance, appropriating the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars and fifty-seven cents to pay to George W. McMahan, Register of Water; that amount having been overpaid by him in the settlement of the Registers and Water Duplicate for 1855, as verified by the certificate of John N. Henderson, City Controller, hereto appended, and recommend its adoption.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman.*
WM. HORROCKS,
THOMAS MARSH,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
CHARLES E. LEX.

June 5, 1856.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, April 25, 1856, }

Having audited the accounts of George W. McMahan, Register of Water for the City of Philadelphia, I find by the returns filed in this department, that he has paid into the City Treasury, from January 1, 1855, to December 31, 1855, inclusive, \$381,410 17, while the registers and duplicates of water rents exhibits a total of receipts for the same period of \$381,259 60, thus showing an over payment by him of \$150 57, which amount is due him by the City of Philadelphia.

JOHN N. HENDERSON,

City Controller.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the payment of one hundred and fifty dollars and fifty-seven cents, to George W. McMahan, Register of Water for the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain. That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars and fifty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay George W. McMahan, Register of Water for the City of Philadelphia, that amount having been overpaid by him into the Treasury of the City of Philadelphia on the Water Duplicate of 1855, as appears by the certificate of the City Controller.

SEC. 2. A warrant for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the City Treasurer in favor of the said George W. McMahan.

APPENDIX No. 14.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, June 5th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Petition and Remonstrance of B. L. Langstroth, of the 22nd Ward, referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations, has received attention. The Committee beg leave to report:

That the revised plan of Green street has been reported to the Court, according to the provisions of the Supplement of the Consolidation Act, (Section 4,) approved April 21, 1855, and is out of the control of Councils in relation to the subject matter of this Petition.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*.
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
JOSEPH GEISS,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS.

APPENDIX No. 15.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR, }
Philadelphia, February 28, 1856. }

SPENCER ROBERTS, Esq., *Chairman of Committee on Surveys.*

DEAR SIR:—The Board of Surveyors have passed a resolution recommending the construction of a 3 feet

culvert, connecting with the Reed street sewer at Third street, and extending up Third street to Washington, and up Washington street to Fourth—a distance of about 1670 feet—and ask that your Committee take the Ordinance in charge.

Very truly,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations beg leave to offer the following Ordinance, entitled an “Ordinance for the construction of a certain Culvert,” and ask its adoption.

GEORGE NORTHPROP, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
JOSEPH GEISS.

AN ORDINANCE

For the construction of a certain Culvert.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain. That the Department of Highways are hereby authorised and directed to construct a culvert in the Second Survey District, commencing at the corner of Washington street and Fourth, thence extending down Washington to Third street, down Third street to Reed, there connecting with the Reed street culvert, the said culvert to be constructed in accordance with levels and plans furnished by the Department of Surveys, and not to exceed an area of seven square feet.

APPENDIX No. 16.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting my third and fourth quarterly reports of the number of fires occurring, with the loss sustained, for the quarters ending on the thirty-first days of December and March, and the condition of the department, it will be seen that it exhibits a decrease in the number of fires and false alarms, and an increase in the losses sustained. The number of fires that have occurred in the two quarters is 115, the estimate loss on which is \$186,775, and the insurance \$76,768, leaving an uninsured loss of \$110,807. The decrease of fires as compared with the preceding quarters, is 3. The increase in total loss, \$135,859, and the increase in uninsured loss, \$88.979. Since my former report there have been added to the Department, the Good Intent, Mechanic, Southwark, Good Will, Weccacoc, Hibernia, and Assistance Engine Companies; and the South Penn, William Penn, United States, Niagara, Western, Good Will, Ringgold, Washington, and Union Hose Companies; an addition of a very efficient character. The department now consists of 38 Engine, 30 Hose, and 5 Hook and Ladder Companies, possessing 39 Engines, 60 Hose carriages, 6 Trucks, 53,880 feet of hose, and 828 feet of ladders. A house is now being erected for the Steam Fire Engine, Young America, at the North-east corner of Front and Noble streets, under the supervision of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department; and when finished, the engine and tender will be removed from the tobacco warehouse and placed therein.

I again recommend that it be made the duty of the night police to give the alarm, and arouse all firemen who shall so request them, whenever an alarm of fire

shall occur during the night. I desire to again call attention to the 13th section of the Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department, which provides that a large bell shall be erected in each Fire District; this has not been done in many of the Districts, and the firemen located in those vicinities are therefore without any proper means of alarm. I recommend Councils to have the bell which is in the steeple of the Spring Garden Hall rung for all fires, as a large number of firemen depend entirely on that bell to give them the alarm in time of fire.

The 24th section of the ordinance entitled An Ordinance Re-organizing the Fire Department, approved January 25th, 1855, made it the duty of the Secretary of each Fire Company in the city of Philadelphia, to furnish under oath to my Secretary, annually, in the month of January, a list of all the members, stating active, honorary, and contributing, with their age, residence and occupation, and in accordance with this section, I had a printed form sent to each company, with the request to furnish the list. This section appeared to be very objectionable to the Companies, and but few returns were made.

I recommended to Councils the repeal of this section, and petitions were sent from the firemen, asking for the same. With the expectation that the section would be repealed, and that the companies would send in their lists, so as to enable me to make a full report, I delayed my report from time to time. On March 5th, 1856, a Supplement to the Fire Ordinance was adopted, the 8th section of which repealed the objectionable part. I then again notified the Companies to report the list, as required by my Secretary, a large number of whom promptly replied, but a large number did not send in their report as required, although they were aware that I was delaying my report for that purpose; and now, after waiting for more than three months, I am compelled to report as follows. I have received a correct list from the following Companies as required by the Fire Ordinance:

Columbia, Columbia of Germantown, Diligent, Del-

aware, Decatur, Fairmount, Friendship, Franklin of Germantown, Franklin of Frankford, Good Intent of Roxborough, Liberty, Manayunk, Reliance, United States, Western, Washington of Frankford, Northern Liberty, Mechanic, Vigilant, and Humane, Engine Companies.

America, Fairmount, Germantown, Marion, Neptune, Pennsylvania, Perseverance, Robert Morris, Southwark, Schuylkill, Shiffler Vigilant, Warren, Phoenix, and United, Hose Companies. Empire, Mantua, Protection, and Rescue, Hook and Ladder Companies.

The following Companies have not sent in the lists as required by the Fire Ordinances :

America, Franklin, Fellowship, Globe, Hope, Hand-in-Hand, Independence, Monroe, Philadelphia, Washington of Germantown, Wissahickon of Germantown, and Spring Garden, Engine Companies.

Franklin, Nicetown, Philadelphia, Taylor, Humane, and Tivoli Hose Companies; and Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company.

I am, very respectfully yours,

B. A. SHOEMAKER,

Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE. 1855.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of Fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED	
					Real Estate.	Personal Property.
Oct.	2. Eighteenth and George streets,	12	Stable.	Accidental.		50
"	5. Ninth street below Millin,	1	Barn, horses and hay,	Incendiary,	400	4
"	6. Eleventh and Locust streets,	2	Grocery store,	Do.		50
"	7. St. James street,	3	Packing box factory,	Supposed set on fire,		
"	9. Alarm,	1		Foundry,		
"	9. Cherry street above Fourth,	3	Carpenter shop,	Box of Straw,		
"	12. Alarm,	12				
"	17. Market street above Tenth,	2	Stove,	Incendiary,	4,500	
"	18. Near Germantown,	6	Bleaching works,	Do.	10	
"	19. Twelfth and Pine streets,	2	Drug store,	Do.	300	70
"	19. Fifteenth and Market streets,	3	Carpenter shop and Chair factory,	Do.		
"	21. Third street near New,	3	Drug store,	Not ascertained,		
"	22. N. W. cor. Seventh and Chesnut,	2	Concert and Billiard Room,	Do.	600	75
"	24. Mount Airy,	6	Frame Barn,	Incendiary,	250	
"	25. Race below Broad street,	3	Bake house,	Accidental,	500	60
"	26. Thirteenth above Federal street,	1	Dwelling,	Do.	300	
"	26. Arch above Broad street,	3	Stable,	Do.	50	
"	26. Bewt. Holmesbury and Bustlet'n	5	Barn and stock,	Incendiary,	3,500	2,00
"	28. Back of Monroe below Fourth st.	1	Dwelling,	Do.	10	
"	28. Coates Alley,	3	Hat store,	Do.		
"	28. Almond street wharf,	1	Mast Shed, &c. &c.	Do.	300	2,3
"	29. Ridge Avenue and Eleventh st.	4	Stable,	Sparks f'm smith shop	25	
"	29. Alarm,	4	Same fire,	Smoke,		
Nov.	1. Callowhill and Sixth street,	3	Market house,	Accidental,		
"	1. Wood street wharf,	4	Oil works,	Do.	2,500	2,50
"	11. Bedford between Sixteenth and					
"	14. Seventeenth streets,	1	Stable,	Incendiary,	1,200	30
"	16. Ninth ab. Spring Garden street,	4	Carpenter shop,	Accidental,	100	1
"	18. Beach below Shackamaxon st.	5	Cotton factory,	Sparks from flue,		10
"	Mantua ville,	7	Wall Paper manufactory,	Unknown,	3,300	8
"	19. Chesnut above Third street,	2	Box of Matches,	Accident.		
"	23. Jefferson ab. Franklin, 1st Ward.	1	Barn,	Incendiary,	700	
Dec.	1. Olive below Broad street,	4	Carpenter shop,	Do.	1,000	
"	Hancock above Franklin street,	5	Dye house, Church, and Frame			
"	4. No. 132 Walnut street,	1	dwelling,	Accidental,	1,800	1,3
"	8. Front and Lombard streets,	2	Dwelling,	Do.	85	
"	9. Filbert near Eleventh street,	2	Canvass covering on boiler,	Do.		
"	9. Alarm,	3	Stable,	Incendiary,		
"	9. Callowhill st. near Schuylkill,		Factory at Gloster,			
"	13. Sansom below Seventh street,	4	Candle works,	Supposed accidental,	250	8
"	Broad near Vine street,	2	Dwelling and Book store.	Accidental,	30	7
"		2	Carpenter shop and Car factory,	Incendiary,	600	2,5
"	13. Eighth near Green street,	4	Dwelling,	Accidental.		
"	14. Second above Race street,	3	Furniture store,	Spontaneous comb'tn,	10	7
"	14. Tenth and Parrish street,	4	Picture store,	Varnish boiling over,		5
"	14. Gray Lane,	7	Two Barns,	Incendiary,	650	1,5
"	18. Shippen Lane near Sixth street,	1	House,			
"	18. Clymer above Sixth street,	1	Dwelling,	From stove,		
"	19. Shippen bet. Tenth and Eleventh,	1	Stable,	Incendiary,	175	
"	21. Broad bet. Pearl and Wood sts.	3	Sash, door and blind factory,	Accident,	2,500	2,4
"	24. Ninth above Spring Garden st.	4	Carpenter shop,	Incendiary,	75	
"	26. Front near Race street,	3	Smoke house,	Accidental,		
"	28. College Avenue,	2	Stable,	Do.		
"	28. Cherry near Seventeenth street,	3	Hot house,	Do.		
"	31. Pennepack Creek,	5	Barn,	Incendiary,	500	
"	31. Ridge Avenue and Torr street,	3	Hardware store,	Accidental,	58	

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, &c.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property		
David Ferrill,	David Ferrill,		350	Mutual Assurance Office,	Trifling.
Charles Stokes,	Robert Morris,		450	Delw'e Mutual Fire Ins'e,	
	H. Myers, W. & J. Mason.				do.
William Fisher,		3,000		Lycoming Insur'ce Office.	
Mrs. Porter,	Higbee & Stokes,		313	Franklin Fire Insurance,	
William Adams,	A. M. Passmore & Caroline Lee	None	300	North Western "	
	George K. Smith & Co.				
William Fotteral,	W. & R. J. Park, & C. Jenkins,	600	755	Franklin and Sp. Garden.	
Lewis Bilger,		None			
Mr. Morris,	Jacob Reinner,		600		
Francis Tiernan,	James Boyle,	300		Franklin Fire Insurance.	
Mr. Clark,					
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Clark,	2,000	2,000	Bucks County Mutual.	
J. H. Gore,					do.
Mr. Barnstead and Mr. Craig,	Mr. Coverleys.				do.
	Charles Heppard, William				
	Thomas & Co., Richard	300	1,075	North American & Frank-	
Mr. Demary.	Fizzard, Joseph String. }			lin Fire Insurance Of-	
				fices.	
Hubbard & Taw,	Hubbard & Taw,	2,000	2,000	Provincial Office.	do.
Thomas Collins,	Thomas Collins.				
Thomas McManus,	Mr. Barber.				
Burtes, Kent & Bushton,	Burtes, Kent & Bushton,		100	Royal Insurance Offices.	
Joseph Van Metre,	Joseph Van Metre,	2,985	2,800	Franklin Fire Association,	
				Phila. & Provincial.	
William Volmar.					
James Packer,	James Packer,	400		Sp. Garden Fire Insurance	
Z. Ellis, Mr. Bailey, and	Mr. Page, Mr. Myers, John }			Franklin Fire and Hand-	
Church Association, }	Kitchen,	743		in-Hand Offices.	
Isaac Hazlehurst,	Isaac Hazlehurst,	85	50	Pennsylvania Office.	
	Mr. Mendenhall.				do.
					do.
Messrs. Thain & Co. . . .	Messrs. Thain & Co. . . .	250	800	Pennsylvania & Franklin.	
Mr. Wiltberger,	A. Lechler,	30	700	Franklin & Del. Mutual.	
Dehaven, Murphy, Allison, }	E. Rassmyder, Murphy, Alli-				
Suddards,	son & Suddards. }				
Mr. Poulterer.					do.
Beck & Hartenstein,	Beck & Hartenstein,		700	Keystone, Hope Mutual,	
	R. Rowley,		500	and Provincial.	
Rebecca Chapman,	Samuel Harvey,	500	1,200		
					do.
	Mrs. O'Bryon.				
Marmaduke Burr,	John Herman,	175		Fire Association.	
Mr. Pritchett,	Josiah Worth and M. Lang,	2,500	2,407	Merch'ts, Frk'ln & Sp. Gar.	
Thomas McManus,	Samuel Barber.				
					do.
					do.
Harvey Atkinson,					do.
Clause Winters,	Clause Winters,	58		Fire Association.	

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE. 1855-56	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of Fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Real Estate.	Personal Property
Dec. 31.	N. E. Juniper and Market street	2	Stores and dwelling,	Incendiary,	1,305	80
" 31.	Lombard and Sixth street, . .	2	Grocery store,	Do. . . .	15	
Jan. 1.	Alarm West.					
" 1.	Alarm N. W.					
" 5.	Filbert near Seventeenth street,	3	Dwellings unfinished,	Accidental,		400
" 9.	Twenty-first and Spruce street,	2	Camphine factory,	Do. . . .	200	1,200
" 9.	Race above Fourth street,	3	Tailor store,	Incendiary,	100	
" 11.	Germantown,	6	Dwelling,	Flue,		330
" 15.	Twelfth and South streets, . .	1	Shoe store and dwelling, . . .	Accidental,	280	1,250
" 15.	No. 62 North Eighth street, . .	3	Dwelling and Trimming store, .	Stove,	1,255	120
" 18.	North Second street,	4	Clothing store,			
" 21.	Marlborough,	5	Dwelling and Furniture store, .	Accidental,		120
" 23.	No. 179 South Front street, . .	2	Dwelling,	Do. . . .		30
" 26.	Front near Race street,	3	Grocery store,	Do. . . .	100	250
Feb. 2.	Essex below Catharine street, .	1	Stable,	Incendiary,	10	200
" 2.	No. 163 Market street,	3	Store,	Accidental,		
" 3.	Lamb Tavern Road,	5	Barn,	Do. . . .		600
" 4.	Arch above Front street, . . .	3	Cabinet Maker shop,	Do. . . .	300	500
" 4.	No. 453 North Third street, . .	4	Stove store,	Stove,	500	250
" 4.	Alarm N. W.					
" 4.	Southwark street near Eighth,	1	Stable,	Incendiary,	20	200
" 4.	Alarm N. W.					
" 5.	Manayunk,	6	Cotton factory,	Accidental,	200	150
" 5.	Chesnut near Seventh street, . .	2	ArCADE Hotel,	Do. . . .		10
" 5.	Fourth above Commerce street,	3	Dye Goods store,	Unknown,		
" 6.	Haydock near Front street, . .	5	Woolen factory and dwelling, .	From boilers,	42000	18000
" 9.	No. 104 Lombard street,	2	Grocery store,	Incendiary,	34	250
" 10.	Penn above Maiden street, . .	5	Stable,	Do. . . .	250	200
" 14.	Chesnut above Tenth street, . .	2	St. Lawrence Hotel,	Accidental,	800	400
" 15.	West Philadelphia,	7	Stable,	Incendiary,		600
" 17.	Marshall and Girard Avenue, . .	5	Dyeing House,	Unknown,		100
" 18.	Lamb Tavern Road,	6	Barn,	Incendiary,	700	800
" 22.	No. 12 Pear street,	2	Printing Office, &c.,	From boiler,	5,100	1,200
" 22.	Alarm,		Ice wagon,	Incendiary,		
" 24.	Broad near Spruce street, . . .	2	Stable,			100
" 24.	Pine and Bank street, Schuylkill	2	Board Yard,	Do. . . .	2,000	
" 28.	No. 235 North Third street, . .	4	Tobacco store,	Unknown,	800	200
Mar. 2.	Eighth and Catharine streets, .	1	Stable,	Incendiary,	200	400
" 3.	Master and Fourth streets, . .	5	Dye house and dwellings, . . .	Accidental,	100	1,500
" 7.	Canal near Frankford Road, . .	5	Soap works,	Unknown,	700	2,000
" 7.	Manayunk,	6	Woolen factory,	Accidental,	5,000	3,000
" 7.	Lombard above Tenth street, . .	2	Dwelling,			
" 7.	Almond street wharf,	1	Steamboat,	Smoke stack,	2,000	
" 8.	Third near Race street,	3	Drug store,	Incendiary,	75	
" 8.	Chesnut street wharf,	2	Steamboat,	Accidental,	1,000	
" 8.	Passyunk Road and Christian st.	1	Sash factory, dwellings, &c. . .	Do. . . .	4,725	4,380
" 9.	No. 280 South Thirteenth street,	2	Dry Goods store,	Incendiary,	4,000	500
" 9.	Twenty-ninth and Oxford street,	6	Lamp Black factory,	Unknown,		800
" 10.	Germantown,	6	Dwellings,	Stove,	35	150
" 11.	Alarm,	5		Boiler explosion,		
" 12.	Eighteenth north of Chesnut st.					
" 12.	Broad and Pearl streets, . . .	1	Stable,	Incendiary,		
" 12.	Broad and South streets, . . .					
" 13.	No. 165 Spring Garden street, .	4	Shoe store,	Accidental,	800	50

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, &c.—CONTINUED.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property.		
Mr. Harrison,	John Folyard, J. Henry, James Campbell,			1,305 Franklin Fire Insurance, 15 Fire Association.	
Robert Patterson,	McAnall & Deshong,	400	1,000	Philadelphia Mutual.	
McAnall & Deshong,	Mr. Cotterell,		100	Spring Garden Fire In.	
James Gibson,	D. Johnson, and H. Anderson,	330	280	Spring Garden, Fire Association and Royal In.	
Robert Pattent,		1,250		Fire Association, Sp. Gar.	
Mr. Pool,	Mr. Park,	120	1,255	Fire Association.	Trifling.
George Fowls,	Jane Moore,	190	33	Do.	
.	Mr. Dourick,	33	250		
Mr. Duffy,	Mr. Gallagher,				
Wincroft and Beaver,					do.
Wyles & Boker,	Wm. Wynn,	500			
Sprousser,	C. Sprenger,				
John Carraker,	John Carraker,				
Arbuckle & Richards,	Arbuckle & Richards,	10			
John Jayne,	Mr. Brown,			Farmers & Mechanics.	do.
.	Martin & Peddle,	5,000	34	Franklin Office.	
John Garside,	H. Harrop, S. Cunningham,				
T. Stewart,	Wm. Campbell,	400	800	Franklin, America, Reliance, Philadelphia and Fire Association.	
John Cliggett,	Charles Dailey,				
Charles Leamon,	W. S. Campbell,	100			
.	Arbuckle & Richards,				
.	Mr. Holtz,				
.	Cunningham & Doyle, Edw. Pincers, & Messrs. Holyheads,	1,200	1,500	Mutual, Royal, and Philadelphia.	
.	R. A. Gavitt,		200		
.	L. J. Clappee,	200	800		
John Devaney,	Patrick Dugan,				
John Clark,	Patrick Clark,	1,300	100	Franklin and Fire Asso. Fire Association.	
John Skiffington,	Daniel Skiffington,	800		Franklin Fire Insurance.	
George Shields,	Dobson, Lees & Shaw,	2,000			do.
.	Robert Carter,				
.	Jenks & Ogden,				
.	Ericsson Line,				
Patrick & Co., Mrs. Laurenson, John Seitz, Mr. Tudor, Gibson, Samuel McMenamy,	Philler, Newton, Hall, Seitz, Riley, Clark, Atkins, Conrad, Gibson, McMenamy, McAlree, Fitzsimmons,	2,245	550	Franklin, Girard, Fire Association, Spring Garden Offices.	
.	John Tobin,	500	4,000		
Startin & Co,					
Job Reicket,	Jacob Reicket,				
.					do.
.					do.
John Brown,	Mr. Copestick,	50	800	State Mutual Office.	do.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE. 1855-56.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Personal Property	Real Estate.
May 14,	South bet. Twelfth & Thirteenth,	1	Frame dwelling,	Accidental,	75	
" 16,	South street, near Schuylkill, . .	1	Stable, horses, and hay,	Incendiary,	150	1,100
" 16,	Eighth above Shippen street, . .	1	Church,	Do.	50	
" 22,	Third street, north of Arch, . . .	3	Hat store,	Unknown,	800	8,000
" 23,	Eighteenth & Mellon streets, . .	4	Stable,	Incendiary,	10	
" 23,	Alarm.					
" 24,	Ridge Avenue near Wood street,	4	Carpenter shop,	Do.		
" 26,	Germantown,	6	Dwelling,	Accidental,	500	
" 26,	Fourth above Catharine street,	1	Frame Carpenter shop,	Incendiary,	877	250
" 26,	New Market near Ger'tn Road,	5	Turning establishment,	Not ascertained,	200	20
" 26,	New Market and Peg streets, . .	4	Drug mill,	Do.		
" 28,	Twelfth and Olive streets, . . .	4	Smoke house,	Accidental		50
" 28,	Third and Buttonwood streets,	4	Roof of houses,	Do.		
" 29,	Front and Willow streets, . . .	4	Smoke house,	Do.	300	1,200
" 29,	Alarm.			Factory at Gloster,		
" 29,	Do. S. E.					
" 30,	Tenth above Callowhill streets,	4	Dwelling,	Accidental,		
" 31,	Orchard bet. Fourth and Fifth st.	5	Carpenter shop, &c. ,	Do.	800	200
" 31,	South street,	1	Roof of house,	From Chimney,	100	50

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, &c.—CONTINUED.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property		
Ir. Cassady,	Mr. Cassady.				
Iyer Arnold,	Bartolette & Blynn,	800	8,000	American, Independent, Mutual & Franklin.	Trifling,
abaz Gates.					
William Owens, Jacob Kenton,	Mr. Harris.				
ohn Cowden,	John Cowden.				
.	J. Gross.				
J. H. Mitchner,	J. H. Mitchner,	300	1,200	Pennsylvania & Delaware Mutual.	do.
		800		Fire Asso. and Mutual.	do.
Charles McDonough,					

RECAPITULATION.

MONTHS.	FIRES.								Depart't called out,	Department in ac- tual service.	Estimated Loss on Real Estate.	Estimated Loss on Personal Property	Total Estimated Loss,	Insurance on Real Estate.	Insurance on Per- sonal Property.	Total Insurance.	Estimate loss on Real Estate over Insurance.	Estimated loss on personal property over insurance.	Total estimated loss over Insurance.
	1st District.	2d District.	3d District.	4th District.	5th District.	6th District.	7th District.	Total.											
1855.																			
October,	4	5	7	1	1	2		20	23	19	\$10305	\$8203	\$18508	\$6260	\$5833	\$12093	\$4045	\$2370	\$6415
November,	2	1	1	3	1		1	9	9	6	8800	11050	19850	5385	4900	10285	3415	6150	9565
December,	3	6	7	4	2		1	23	24	17	7533	11352	18885	4341	7677	12018	3192	3675	6867
January,	2	2	3	1	1	1		10	10	10	3773	1935	5708	2573	1735	4308	1200	200	1400
February,	2	6	3	2	4	2	1	20	23	17	26660	51014	77674	7410	5134	12544	19250	45880	65130
March,	9	4	3	9	4	4		33	32	26	16645	29505	46150	8795	16725	25520	8650	12780	21430
Total,	22	24	24	20	13	9	3	115	1121	95	73716	113059	186775	34764	42904	76768	39752	71055	110807

LOSS AND INSURANCE BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Loss.	Insurance.	Loss over insurance.
First Fire District, -	\$ 20,660	\$8,525	\$14,135
Second do. -	21,977	14,515	8,462
Third do. -	21,580	18,380	3,560
Fourth do. -	12,335	9,300	3,035
Fifth do. -	71,560	13,133	54,265
Sixth do. -	16,413	5,330	11,085
Seventh do. -	22,250	7,485	16,265
Total, - - - -	\$186,773	\$76,768	\$110,807

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE APPARATUS.

NAMES OF COMPANIES.	APPARATUS.	NUMBER OF FEET OF HOSE.	CONDITION.
America Engine,	One 24 class engine and 2-wheeled tender,	600	All in serviceable order.
America Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	1200	do. do.
Columbia Engine,	One 24 class engine and 2-wheeled tender,	700	do. do.
Columbia Engine of Germantown,	One 24 class engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	500	do. do.
Diligent Engine,	One 1st class, 1 2d class, and 2-wheeled tender,	1050	do. do.
Delaware Engine,	One 1st class engine,	250	do. do.
Decatur Engine,	One Suction engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	1000	do. do.
Empire Hook and Ladder,	One truck, 150 feet of ladders,	150	do. do.
Excelsior Hook and Ladder,	One truck, 142 feet of ladders, do.		do. do.
Fairmount Engine,	One 24 class engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	650	do. do.
Friendship Engine,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	900	do. do.
Franklin Engine,	One 24 class engine and 2-wheeled tender,	1000	do. do.
Franklin of Germantown,	One 24 class engine and 2-wheeled tender,	150	do. do.
Franklin of Frankford,	One Suction engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	130	do. do.
Franklin Hose,	One Suction engine and 2-wheeled carriage,	625	do. do.
Fellowship Engine,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1000	do. do.
Good Intent Engine of Roxborough,	One Suction engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	1100	do. do.
Globe Engine,	One Suction engine, wagon and 50 buckets,		do. do.
Germantown Hose,	One 24 class engine and 2-wheeled tender,	560	do. do.
Hope Engine,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	550	do. do.
Hand-in-Hand Engine,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	900	do. do.
Independence Engine,	One 24 class engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	550	do. do.
Liberty Engine,	One Suction engine,	200	do. do.
Manayunk Engine,	One Suction engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	860	do. do.
Marion Hose,	One 24 class engine, one Suction, and 4-wheel carriage,	500	do. do.
Mantua Hose, Hook and Ladder,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1550	do. do.
Monroe Engine,	One truck, 142 feet of ladders,	250	do. do.
Neptune Hose,	Two Suction engines and 2-wheeled tender,	1000	do. do.
Nictown Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	700	do. do.
Pennsylvania Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	1050	do. do.
Perseverance Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	800	do. do.
Philadelphia Engine,	One 24 class engine, 1 tender, and 4-wheeled carriage,	1000	do. do.
Philadelphia Hose,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1400	do. do.
Protection Hook and Ladder,	One truck, 140 feet of ladders,		do. do.

Robert Morris Hose,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1020	do.	do.
Reliance Engine,	One 21 class engine,	400	do.	do.
Rescue Hook and Ladder,	One truck, 125 feet of ladders,		do.	do.
Southwark Hose,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1800	do.	do.
Schuykill Hose,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1450	do.	do.
Shuflet Hose,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1000	do.	do.
Taylor Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	900	do.	do.
United States Engine,	One 21 class engine,	710	do.	do.
Vigilant Hose,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1000	do.	do.
Washington Engine of Germantown,	One 21 class engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	680	do.	do.
Western Engine,	One 21 class engine and 2-wheeled tender,	600	do.	do.
Warren Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	450	do.	do.
Wissahickon Engine of Germantown,	One Suction engine,	200	do.	do.
Washington Engine of Frankford,	One Suction engine and 4-wheeled carriage, 75 ft. ladders	850	do.	do.
Phoenix Hose,	One 21 class engine and 2-wheeled tender,	850	do.	do.
Humane Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	300	do.	do.
Humane Engine,	One 21 class engine,	1400	do.	do.
Tivoli Hose,				
United Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	1200	do.	do.
Spring Garden Engine,	One 21 class engine,	150	do.	do.
Vigilant Engine,	One 21 class engine and tender,	250	do.	do.
Northern Liberty Engine,	One 21 class engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	900	do.	do.
Good Intent Engine,	One 21 class engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	1000	do.	do.
Mechanic Engine,	One 21 class engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	1000	do.	do.
South Penn Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	800	do.	do.
William Penn Hose,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1600	do.	do.
Southwark Engine,	One 21 class engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	750	do.	do.
Good Will Engine,	One 21 class engine and 2-wheeled tender,	900	do.	do.
United States Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	1025	do.	do.
Niagara Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	1800	do.	do.
Western Hose,	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	900	do.	do.
Weccacoe Engine,	One 21 class engine, one 4-wheeled carriage, one truck, 125 feet of ladders,	1450	do.	do.
Hibernia Engine,	One 21 class engine and 2-wheeled tender,	900	do.	do.
Good Will Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	1400	do.	do.
Ringgold Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	800	do.	do.
Washington Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	850	do.	do.
Assistance Engine,	One 1st class engine and 4-wheeled carriage,	700	do.	do.
Union Hose,	One 4-wheeled carriage,	500	do.	do.

GENERAL SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.		Engine Companies.	Hose Companies.	Hook and Ladder Companies.	1st Class Engines.	2d Class Engines.	Suctions.	4-wheeled Hose Carriages.	2-wheeled Hose Carriages.	Trucks.	No. feet of Hose.	No. feet of Ladders.
First	- -	4	5	1		3		8		1	8,600	125
Second	- -	3	6		1	2		10	1		9,670	
Third	- -	10	8	1	2	9		9	5	1	13,810	150
Fourth	- -	6	4			6		7	2		7,825	
Fifth	- -	7	4	3		2	5	10	2	3	9,345	411
Sixth	- -	7	2			5	2	4			3,880	
Seventh	-	1	1	1			2	1	1	1	750	142
Total,	-	38	30	5	3	27	9	49	11	6	53,880	828

APPENDIX No. 17.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department report, That they have had under consideration an Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance providing for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine, Young America,” approved May 8th, 1856, passed by Select Council on the 5th of June, and ask its adoption by this Chamber.

They have also had under consideration an application from the Hibernia Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department, and report adverse to the application.

Also petitions from several Fire Companies, asking that Fire Alarm Signal Boxes be placed in their houses, which the Committee, in view of the financial condition of the City, do not feel justified in recommending, although they are of the opinion that they would add greatly to the usefulness of the Fire Department; they would offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be directed to have the State House and District bells rang in case of fire, so as to designate the signal box from which the alarm is received.

The Committee have also considered the Communication of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting several Fire Companies for a violation of the Ordinance regulating the Department, by allowing their apparatus to be taken out of the Districts prescribed in said Ordinance, and as this is the first case of a violation that has been reported, and your Committee are led to believe that in several instances the apparatus have been taken out in opposition to the rules of the Companies; they would therefore offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption, with the understanding that any Company who may here-

after be found guilty of a similar violation, will be either suspended or disbanded.

Resolved, That the America, Western, Good Will, and Reliance Engine Companies, and the Fairmount, Ringgold, Philadelphia, and Humane Hose Companies, receive the censure of Councils for going out of their respective Districts, in violation of the Ordinance for the regulation of the Fire Department.

The Committee have had referred to them a Communication from the Southwark Hose Company, located in the market at Second and South streets, asking that their house be repaired, which should have been referred to the Committee on Markets, and which is returned for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*.

ANDREW J. BAKER,

JOHN WELSH,

C. M. SLOCUM.

June 12, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

Supplementary to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine, Young America," approved May 5th, 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That there shall be one Engineer appointed by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, whose duty it shall be to keep the Steam Engine, "Young America," in proper working order, and shall have the care and management of the said Steam Engine (under the direction of the Chief Engineer) in time of fire. He shall receive an annual salary of six hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. That so much of the Ordinance to which this is a Supplement, as authorizes the appointment of an Assistant Engineer be, and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No 18.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
June 11th, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The Committee on Schools to whom was referred the Communication from the Board of Controllors of Public Schools, asking for an appropriation of \$15,987, to make up the sum requisite to pay the salaries of the Teachers for the present year, respectfully report, that they think Councils ought to make the appropriation.

Admitting that a reduction in the salaries of the Teachers would be a politic measure, it could not be done for the year already commenced, and as the estimates of the Board of Controllors are based upon the contracts already made with Teachers, and the sum asked for being only the sum of these contracts, to withhold the appropriation; under these circumstances, could secure no reduction in the amount, and would result in embarrassing the Board in its disbursements.

The Committee therefore submit the accompanying Ordinance, and ask for its adoption.

THOMAS POTTER, *Chairman.*
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
M. C. BROWN,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
EDWIN BOOTH,
HENRY T. KING.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Controllors of Public Schools of the first School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of paying the Salaries of the Teachers of the Public Schools of said District, for the year 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of

the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of fifteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Teachers of the Public Schools of said District for the year 1856, (said sum to be in addition to any sum that may have been appropriated for the purpose aforesaid,) and the sum so appropriated to be applied in payment of obligations incurred, and to be incurred for the said purpose, and no other.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn in the manner and form, and with the requisites set forth in the Second and Third Sections of an Ordinance approved September 20th, 1851, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Controllers of Public Schools, of the First School District of Pennsylvania."

APPENDIX No. 19.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Surveys and Regulations respectfully report, That they have considered "An Ordinance to provide for the Re-Surveying and Regulating part of the Twenty-first Ward," referred to them and hereto annexed, and report the following Resolution, and ask its adoption.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be hereby authorized and directed to prepare a revised plan of the regulation and grades of so much of the Twenty-first Ward as is embraced in the late Borough of

Manayunk, extending the same north-eastward to the Ridge Road or Avenue, and secure the proper lines of the streets by permanent landmarks.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*.
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

APPENDIX No. 20.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Surveys and Regulations respectfully report, That they have considered the annexed petition, asking for a general survey of parts of the Twenty-second Ward, and present the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be hereby authorized and directed to prepare sectional plans of such parts of the Twenty-second Ward as are not included in Resolutions or Ordinances now in force, and that proper landmarks be permanently fixed, and that such grade regulations be established therein as the necessities of the City shall require.

GEO. NORTHROP, *Chairman*.
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON.
SPENCER ROBERTS.

PETITION.

To the President and Members of Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The subscribers, citizens of the Twenty-second Ward, do earnestly pray that your Honorable Body

may authorize a general survey to be made of the upper part of the said Ward, the streets to be located and named, and the grade to be fixed by law.

They do not ask that the streets be opened, but simply that they may be laid out, and a plan of the same be recorded, so as to restrain parties from opening such streets and alleys as interfere with public convenience and the rights of property. As at present managed, much future trouble and expense must ensue.

And they will ever pray, &c.,

GEORGE BESSAN,
JOHN STALLMAN,
JOSHUA COMLY,
PETER FELTY,
GEORGE V. REX,
F. DETWEILER,
JESSE MILLMAN,
ROBERT WARREN,
WILLIAM AUB,
NATHANIEL HAUS,
ADAM MILLER,
JOHN SIGNS,
JOHN P. DETWEILER,

AARON R. DAY,
G. R. HINKLE,
GEORGE YEAKEL,
JOSEPH MIDDLETON,
S. R. S. SMITH, M. D.
WILLIAM STALLMAN,
W. W. PIPER,
THOMAS L. BATES,
JACOB STALLMAN,
ANDREW GRAVER,
ENOCH REX,
JOHN CLASS.

APPENDIX No. 21.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Re-Organization of the Departments, respectfully report, That in pursuance of their duties they have had under consideration the Re-Organization of the Water Department, and being of opinion that the number of officers therein may be

safely diminished, they offer the accompanying Ordinance, making a reduction, and ask its adoption.

Very respectfully,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
BENJ. BURNELL,
GEORGE NORTHROP,
JOHN ALEXANDER.

June 12, 1856.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance "Organizing the Department for supplying the City with Water," approved October 4th, 1854.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That in lieu of the Registers, Clerks and Inspectors, provided for by the Ordinance to which this is a Supplement, there shall be hereafter but one General Clerk, and one Permit Clerk.

SEC. 2. The General Clerk shall perform all such duties as in said Ordinance are directed to be performed by the Register and General Clerk, except the receiving of water rents; he shall receive all fees for the issuing of Permits, and shall make return in writing, under oath or affirmation, to the Controller, of the amount collected, and pay the same to the Receiver of Taxes, weekly. He shall prepare duplicates of the water rents for each Ward, and shall have them completed and placed in the hands of the Receiver of Taxes, on or before the first day of January of each year. He shall give bonds, with two or more securities, in the sum of two thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties, said security to be approved by Councils.

SEC. 3. The Receiver of Taxes shall take charge of the duplicates of water rent, and attend to the collection of the same in conformity with existing Ordinances at the same time and in the same manner as the taxes are collected; he shall daily render an account thereof to the Controller, and daily pay over the amount collected to the City Treasurer, in manner

as provided for in relation to all taxes received by him.

SEC. 4. The Permit Clerk shall attend at the office, issue all Permits, under the supervision of the General Clerk, and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Chief Engineer or General Clerk.

SEC. 5. All the duties in said Ordinance required to be performed by the Inspectors, shall hereafter be performed by the Purveyors.

SEC. 6. That so much of any Ordinance or Ordinances as is hereby altered or supplied by the provisions of this Ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 22.

AN ORDINANCE

Repealing so much of an Ordinance, approved March 1st, 1856, as relates to the running at large of Cows and Sheep in the 24th Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That so much of the Ordinance approved March 1st, 1856, relating to horses, cows, sheep, goats, and other animals running at large, be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as it relates to cows and sheep in the Twenty-Fourth Ward.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways to whom the above Ordinance was referred, have had the same under

consideration, and respectfully report it back with a negative recommendation.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*.
WM. ELLIOTT.
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
THOMAS POTTER,
J. G. SERVER,
JOHN M. FORD.

June 16, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 23.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MARKETS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Markets to whom was referred a Supplement to an Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses, approved October 19th, 1854, report back the same as committed, with the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Common Council be recommended to pass the Ordinance as above reported.

NICHOLAS BROUS, *Chairman*.
CHARLES VANHORN,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
DOMINCK MURPHY.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses, approved October 19th, 1854.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That from and after the first day of July next, the duties now performed by the Clerk of Wharton and Washington Markets, shall cease and determine, and the Clerk of the Second Street Market, in the Fifth Ward, shall perform all the

duties required by the said Clerk of Wharton and Washington Markets. The duties now performed by the Clerk of the Callowhill Street Market shall cease and determine as aforesaid, and the duties required to be performed by said Clerk shall be performed by the Clerk of Spring Garden Market. The duties now performed by the Clerk of Girard Avenue Market shall, in like manner, cease and determine, and the duties required to be performed by said Clerk, shall be performed by the Clerk of Franklin Avenue Market, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards.

SEC. 2. That so much of any Ordinance or Ordinances as is inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 24.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the claims of certain persons for Road Damages, beg leave to submit the following accompanying Ordinance, and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman.*
 THOMAS CRAVEN,
 JOSHUA T. OWEN,
 ABM. BAKER,

June 19, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c. to pay certain Road Damages, in Certificates of City Debt.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of

two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, for the purpose of paying in manner hereinafter mentioned, the amount assessed as damages for injury sustained by the following named persons, by the opening of streets, that is to say;—

To Ferdinand J. Dreer, one thousand dollars.

To Matthew Newkirk, one thousand dollars; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Girard Avenue, east of the Schuylkill river.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways; and the same shall be paid in certificates of City debt; *Provided*, no Warrant shall issue until the usual certificate shall be produced from the Court of Quarter Sessions, that the damages aforesaid have been assessed by a jury, and their report been confirmed absolutely, nor until the City Solicitor certifies that there are no liens against the property for injury to which the said damages have been awarded.

SEC. 3. Upon the delivery of any such Warrants, countersigned by the Controller, to the City Treasurer, the said Treasurer shall deliver to the person in whose favor the same is drawn, or to his order, Certificates of City debt to the amount expressed in such Warrant, which Certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an Ordinance approved August 23d, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of Certificates of debt in payment of Road damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph," and the said Certificates shall be a portion of those thereby authorized to be issued.

APPENDIX No. 25.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways have had under consideration the annexed Ordinance, and report the same to Common Council, and recommend its adoption.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman.*
 THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
 J. G. SORVER,
 THOMAS POTTER,
 JOHN M. FORD,
 WM. ELLIOTT.

June 16, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay certain Road Damages, partly in Certificates of City Debt and partly in money.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of twenty-six thousand one hundred and ninety-nine dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, for the purpose of paying in manner hereinafter mentioned, the following amounts, assessed as damages for injuries sustained by the following named persons, by the opening of streets, that is to say:—

To Mary Mason, two thousand dollars; to Charles Davis, four hundred dollars; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Brown street, in the late District of Kensington.

To Jane W. Horner, one hundred and fifty dollars; to R. W. Greenbank, six hundred dollars; to N. B. Brown, two thousand five hundred dollars; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening

of Chesnut street, in the late District of West Philadelphia.

To Hiram Johnson, one hundred and fifty dollars; to William Wolf, twenty-five dollars; to Daniel Wolf, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Manatawna street, in the late Borough of Roxborough.

To Samuel T. Bodine, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; the amount assessed for damages by the opening of Columbia street, from the Germantown Road to Cadwalader street.

To Jacob Lesher, five thousand dollars; to Conrad Fries, seventeen hundred and fifty dollars; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Orthodox street, from Main to Paul street, Frankford.

To James J. Skerrett, three hundred dollars; to H. P. Atherton and C. Wistar, one thousand dollars; to John Goodfellow, three hundred dollars; to Electra Hess, three hundred dollars; to Charles Wistar and James F. Langstreth, two hundred dollars; to Charles Montier, one hundred dollars; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Hancock street, in the Twenty-second Ward.

To Joseph H. Amer, seven thousand five hundred dollars; the same being assessed for damages by the opening of Chesnut street, to low water mark, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

To David Ellis, eight hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-two cents; to George H. Hart, one thousand two hundred and fifty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Swain street.

To William C. Evans, eleven hundred and fifty dollars, the amount assessed as damages for opening Aspen street into Cherry street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets.

To Nathan Pennell, one hundred dollars; the amount assessed for damages by the opening of Walnut street in the late Borough of West Philadelphia.

To Clement M. Husbands, two hundred and fifty

dollars; for damages assessed by reason of widening Allen's alley, in conformity with the provisions of the sixth section of an Act approved April 21, 1855, entitled "A Supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia."

To Richard Wistar, fifty dollars; the amount assessed for damages by the opening of Reed street, from Passyunk road to Third street.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways. The following sums shall be paid in money, viz: fifty dollars to the said Jane W. Horner; fifty dollars to the said Hiram Johnson; twenty-five dollars to the said William Wolf; twenty-five dollars to the said Daniel Wolf; twenty-five dollars to the said Samuel T. Bodine; fifty dollars to the said Conrad Fries; seventy-two dollars and seventy-two cents to the said David Ellis; fifty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents to the said George H. Hart; fifty dollars to the said William C. Evans; fifty dollars to the said Clement M. Husbands; fifty dollars to the said Richard Wistar, and the balance of the said appropriation in certificates of city debt; and the warrants to be drawn as aforesaid, shall express how much of the amount for which they are drawn are payable in money and how much in said certificates: *Provided*, no warrant shall issue until the usual certificate shall be produced from the Court of Quarter Sessions, that the damages aforesaid have been assessed by a jury, and their report confirmed absolutely, nor until the City Solicitor shall certify that there are no liens against the property for injury to which the said damages have been awarded.

SEC. 3. When the delivery of any such warrants, countersigned by the Controller, to the City Treasurer, as specifies that the payment of the amount therein mentioned is to be made in certificates of City debt, the said Treasurer shall deliver to the person in whose favor the same is drawn, or to his order, certificates of City debt to the amount expressed in such warrant, which certificates shall be such as are provided for and

described in an Ordinance, approved August 23. 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of road damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph," and the said certificates shall be a portion of those authorized to be issued by the said Ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 26.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY SOLICITOR.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, June 18, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :—A decision has recently been made by the Supreme Court at Harrisburg, in the case of the Commonwealth against the City of Philadelphia, which requires the attention of Councils. The case arose thus: By the Act of 29th of April, 1844, all the public loans and stocks, except those created by the Commonwealth, were made liable to the payment of a State tax of three mills on every dollar of the value thereof, and it was rendered the duty of the Treasurer of each county, city, district, and borough, on the payment of any dividend or interest on the said loans, to deduct the tax and pay it to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth. From 1845 to 1854, the Treasurer of the Guardians of the Poor of Philadelphia deducted the tax from the interest paid on the loans created by that corporation, and the corporation declined to pay it over to the State Treasurer, under a doubt which existed in regard to the construction of the Act of 1844.

The whole amount retained by the Treasurer of the Guardians, was \$18,286 38, and by the Act of Con-

solidation, all the estate and property of the Guardians (including this sum or the balances thereof,) was vested in the City of Philadelphia. On the 26th of February, 1856, the Court of Nisi Prius gave judgment against the City, for the sum in question, and this judgment has been affirmed by the Court in Banc. The case was conducted by my predecessor, and I gather these facts from the records. I bring the subject to the notice of Councils, because the Attorney General of the Commonwealth has notified me in writing, that payment of the amount is required to be made, and that some action on the part of Councils is therefore necessary.

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 27.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY SOLICITOR.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, June 17th, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—On procuring a copy of the Resolution adopted at your last meeting, requesting me to communicate to your Body, “by what authority, if any, the City Commissioners can release property from taxation, without authority from Councils,” I made an examination of the several Acts of Assembly on the subject, from the Act of April 15th, 1834, to that of May 13th, 1856, including the Acts of 1843 and 1854, and I am of opinion that it was the intention of the Legislature, that the Board of Revision, created by the 13th Section of the Act of February 2d, 1854, and composed of the Receiver of Taxes, the City Treasurer and the City Commissioner, should

take the place of the City Commissioners in all proceedings relating to the abatement or release of taxes, and consequently that the City Commissioners alone have no authority to release property from taxation.

Very respectfully,

W. A. PORTER,

City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 28.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN YEARLY GROUND RENTS.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the petition of Anthony P. Morris, Oliver Evans, and others, asking for the extinguishment of certain ground rents, report the following Ordinance, and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman.*

THOMAS CRAVEN,

JOHN K. FINDLAY,

ABM. BAKER,

June 19, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the sale of two certain yearly ground rent charges.

Whereas, The City of Philadelphia now holds in trust, two certain yearly rent charges, to wit: one of them being a yearly rent charge of one pound ten shillings, payable out of a lot of ground situate on the north side of Arch street, east of Fifteenth street, in the said city, and the other of them being a yearly rent charge of two pounds fifteen shillings, payable

out of a lot of ground on the north side of Carter's Alley, in the rear of No. 62 South Second street, in said city: and whereas, said rent charges are small and difficult to collect, and the said city has been offered for them a price which will yield to the said city a larger nett interest or income than said rent charges produce.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the City Solicitor be, and he hereby is authorized to take such measures as he may deem necessary, either by application to Court, or by procuring the passage of an Act of Assembly, to enable the said city to sell and convey, or release and extinguish the said two rent charges. *Provided*, That the proceeds of said sale or extinguishment shall be invested and applied by the City Treasurer to the same uses, intents and purposes for which the said rent charges are now held. And provided further, that the parties purchasing the same shall respectively and proportionally, pay all costs and expenses of said application to Court, or of said Act of Assembly, and also the cost of publishing this Ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 29.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Select and Common⁷/₈ Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred a Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the payment of the ninth and tenth instalments of subscrip-

tion to the North-Western Railroad Co., report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*.
 THOMAS CRAVEN,
 JOHN K. FINDLAY,
 ABM. BAKER.

SELECT COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
 June 5th, 1856. }

Select Council inform Common Council that they have passed the annexed Resolution, and ask concurrence.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to draw warrants for the payment of the ninth and tenth—being the final instalments—of subscription to the North-Western Railroad Company, as provided for in the Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay said subscriptions, approved December 7, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 30.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred certain bills of the Coroner, for the months of September, October, November and December, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find them correct, and hereby offer the annexed Ordinance and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*.
 JOHN K. FINDLAY,
 THOS. CRAVEN,
 ABM. BAKER,

June 19th, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the bills of the Coroner, for September, October, November and December, 1855.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the

City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty-seven cents, be and the same hereby is appropriated to pay Joseph Delavau, the Coroner of the City of Philadelphia, for his bills against said city, for the months of September, October, November and December, 1855.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 31.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

The Committee on Highways have had under consideration the petition from owners of property on Thirty-Fifth street, in the 24th Ward, asking that the same may be paved, and submit the following Resolution, and recommend its adoption.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*.
JOHN M. FORD,
ALFRED CREASE,
J. G. SORVER,
THOMAS S. ROBERTS,
THOMAS POTTER.

June 23d, 1856.

Resolved, That the owners of property on Thirty-Fifth street, from Lancaster Avenue to Bridge street, in the Twenty-Fourth Ward, be and they are hereby authorized to grade and pave the same. *Provided*, the same be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and that the city shall be at no expense for either grading or paving, except for the paving of the intersections of streets.

APPENDIX No. 32.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways have had under consideration the petition of owners of property in Nineteenth street between South and Shippen streets, First Ward, asking that the same may be paved, and report the annexed Resolution, and ask that the same may be adopted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman.*

JOHN M. FORD,

THOMAS POTTER,

J. G. SORVER,

ALFRED CREASE,

THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

Resolved, That the owners of property on Nineteenth street between South and Shippen, in the First Ward, be authorized to pave the same, under the supervision of the Department of Highways; *Provided*, That the City shall be at no expense for the said paving, except for the intersections; and provided that the water pipe be first laid therein; and provided further that the property owners obligate themselves to keep the said paved street in repair for the period of one year from the completion of the work.

APPENDIX No 33.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRISONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial and certain bills for salaries, board, fuel, &c. from Mr. Wm. Saffin, Keeper of the Debtors' apartment of the County Prison, beg leave to make the following re-

port, with an ordinance annexed, and ask its adoption :

First. They find that the Ordinance approved March 11, 1856, making an appropriation to the Inspectors of the Prison for the current year, makes no provision whatever for the expenses of the Debtors' apartment; the item for this department in the appropriation bill, as reported by the Finance Committee, having been stricken out by the Select Council. (See pp. 298, 313 and Appendix No. 95, vol. iv. Journal of Common Council, and p. 178, Journal of Select Council.) The expenses in the meantime continuing, it is not to be wondered at that bills to the amount of \$784 33 should be due at this time.

Second. They find, from personal observation, that the building of this department is, for the want of small but timely repairs, in a deplorably dilapidated condition; and they deem it economy to appropriate the small amount asked for repairs, as it will preserve from entire destruction a very valuable public building. And they likewise deem it economy to introduce the gas, as asked for in the memorial. The latter is already introduced into the prison proper, and considering the proximity of the one department to the other, it is difficult to perceive why it was not simultaneously introduced into both departments.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
JOHN G. SNYDER,
JOHN BROMLEY,
WM. BRADFORD,
JACOB C. RIDGWAY.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the use of the Debtors' Apartment of the County Prison.

SECTION 1 The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropri-

ated to the keeper of the debtors' apartment of the County Prison, for the payment of expenses incurred and to be incurred by him for the following purposes, during the year 1856.

Salary of Keeper of Debtors' apartment,	-	\$700 00
Fuel	- - - - -	300 00
Supplies for subsistence of prisoners,	- -	500 00
Repairs to the building,	- - - -	300 00
Introducing gas,	- - - - -	100 00
Incidental expenses,	- - - - -	100 00

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriations, shall be drawn by the Keeper of the Debtors' apartment, and approved and countersigned by the City Controller.

APPENDIX No. 34.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom the matter was referred, beg leave to report that they have examined certain papers from the Department of the Poor, in relation to claims incurred in the support of the poor in the former borough of Manayunk, and find the same correct and submit the enclosed Ordinance and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman.*
 THOMAS CRAVEN,
 JOSHUA T. OWEN,
 ABM. BAKER.

June 26, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of the Poor, to pay expenses incurred in the support of the Poor in the former Borough of Manayunk.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of nine

hundred dollars be, and the same hereby is appropriated to the Department of the Poor, for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred for the support of the poor in the former borough of Manynunk, by the managers for the relief and employment of the poor of the said borough.

APPENDIX No. 35.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on City Property to whom was referred the Resolution from Select Council, "requires the sale of certain real estate, which is directed to be made under an Ordinance, approved May 7, 1856, to take place under the supervision of the Committee on City Property, at such time and in such portions as they may direct," report the following bill, entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate vested in the City of Philadelphia."

T. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman.*
DAVID BEVAN,
J. T. VODGES,
F. McMANUS.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate vested in the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That so much of "An Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain Real Estate vested in the City of Philadelphia," approved the seventh day of May, 1856, as implies that the Commissioner of City Property is authorized to proceed to sell the whole number of lots and pieces or parcels of real estate contained in the schedule attached, and

made part of said Ordinance immediately after a certain number of days notice, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of City Property under the direction and supervision of a joint committee of six members from each chamber, to make out and prepare a list of the price or value of each lot, piece or parcel embraced in the schedule of the aforesaid Ordinance, and report the same to Councils.

SEC. 3. The Commissioner of City Property shall advertise and sell at public sale only, such lots, pieces or parcels, and in such quantities as the joint special committee aforesaid may direct and authorise. *Provided*, no lot, piece or parcel, shall be sold for a less sum than that attached to it, agreeable to the Second Section of this Supplement.

W. C. PATTERSON,

President of Common Council.

G. M. WHARTON,

President of Select Council.

Attest :—JOHN D. MILES,

Clerk of Common Council.

Approved this thirty-first day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 36.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred
“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the

interest on endorsed Warrants," report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*.

JOHN K. FINDLAY,

ABM. BAKER,

JOSHUA T. OWEN.

July 3, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE.

To make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed Warrants.

The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the interest that has accrued, or that may hereafter accrue on the warrants heretofore endorsed by the City Treasurer, or some person under his authority, in pursuance of the resolutions of Councils, approved August 23d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 37.

REPORT OF THE WATERING COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Watering Committee deem it expedient to lay water-pipe in Tulip street, from Dauphin to York, Nineteenth Ward.

Centre street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-second, Fifteenth Ward.

Amber street, from Wood to York, Nineteenth Ward.

Lewis street, from Thompson to Master, Nineteenth Ward.

They would therefore beg leave to report the annexed Resolution, providing for the laying of water, pipes along the said streets.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*.
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
WILLIAM HORROCKS,
BENJ. F. WRIGHT,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
CHARLES E. LEX.

July 2. 1856.

RESOLUTION.

To direct the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to cause certain Water Pipes to be laid.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be authorized and is hereby directed to cause Water Pipes of the proper dimensions to be laid along Tulip street, from Dauphin to York, Nineteenth Ward.

Centre street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-second, Fifteenth Ward.

Amber street, from Wood to York, Nineteenth Ward.

Lewis street, from Thompson to Master, Nineteenth Ward.

APPENDIX No. 38.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The Committee on Highways, &c. have had under consideration the annexed Ordinance, to pay to Thomas Gogerty the balance due to him for building the

Thompson street culvert, and have approved the same and recommend its adoption.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
 THOMAS POTTER,
 THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
 J. G. SORVER,
 WILLIAM ELLIOTT.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the payment of the balance due for the building of a Culvert in Thompson street.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, be authorized and directed to pay to Thomas Gogerty, the sum of three thousand and eighty-two dollars and sixty-nine cents, in full, for balance due to him on his contract for building a culvert in Thompson street from Sixth to Broad street.

SEC. 2. That said sum shall be paid out of the appropriation made to said department for "Repairs to Culverts and Inlets," by Ordinance, approved March 28th, 1856, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, for the service of the year 1856, and to pay certain claims against the department, originating in the year 1855, and previous."

APPENDIX No. 39.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Watering Committee to whom was referred the communication of H. Cowperthwait,

asking to have refunded to him \$267 20, in consequence of the destruction by fire of the Artisan Buildings, owned by him, respectfully report, That after a careful examination, they find that claims of this description have been uniformly rejected by Councils. The loss by fire is one of those contingencies to which owners of property are liable, and the supply of hydrant water is a convenience which it is presumed they are willing to take with that risk, and if, because of the accident, they do not need the full supply for the remainder of the year, a deduction were allowed, the conclusion would be irresistible in favor of claims frequently made, as to manufactories which have ceased to operate, or dwellings which have become tenantless. The propriety of refunding being conceded, Councils would be called upon to reconsider claims heretofore disposed of, and grant allowances, amidst doubts and difficulties interminable, as to evidence in relation to them.

Your Committee, after mature deliberation, deem it inexpedient to depart in this case from the rules and practice by which they have been governed in similar cases, and they therefore offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
 JOS. P. FITLER,
 WM. HORROCKS,
 B. F. WRIGHT,
 ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
 CHARLES E. LEX,

July 3, 1856.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The undersigned respectfully asks to have refunded a proportionate amount of water rent paid by him, in advance, on his property known as the "Artisan Buildings," situate on the square between Market and

Chesnut, and Fifth and Sixth streets, which were totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 10th and morning of the 11th of April last.

The amount of rent paid for water, for the			
year 1856, in advance, was	-	-	\$370 00
Of which $3\frac{1}{3}$ months had expired, -	-	-	102 78

Balance,	-	-	-	-	-	\$267 22
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No use of the steam engine (also destroyed,) or of the premises, will be made during the remainder of the year, and consequently this amount is overpaid for water not used, and should be refunded, which Councils are respectfully requested to have done.

H. COWPERTHWAIT.

May 26, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 40.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Water to whom was referred the following Resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That the Police officers be directed to open, or cause to be opened the fire plugs, in the paved portion of the City every day, (Sundays excepted,) between the hours of $6\frac{1}{2}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, during the months of June, July, August and September, for the purpose of cleansing the streets and gutters, respectfully beg leave to report adverse to the passage of the same, for the following reasons:—

Firstly. They do not consider the police officers the proper persons to be entrusted with the duty of cleansing the streets, which duty they cannot believe it policy to put in the charge of any other than individuals specially appointed as street cleaners, who should be provided with brooms, scrapers, and hose.

the latter being the only means by which streets and alleys, (not accessible by other means to the water from the plugs,) can be properly cleaned.

Secondly, The resolution contemplates the opening of all the plugs throughout the City, at one hour of the day, which would, if carried out, result in depriving our citizens, almost entirely of water in their dwellings at that time, producing serious inconvenience and danger.

Thirdly. Because it would be impossible to supply water for such indiscriminate use of the plugs, by any of the water works now used for supplying the City. Therefore the convenience of our citizens and the safety of their property would be put in jeopardy by a practice which your Committee believe would effect nothing useful, unless manual labor be used with the flow of water, and the plugs opened only by persons specially appointed as street cleaners, who should be required to adhere to a fixed system, in order that only a limited number of plugs should be opened at the same time. Your Committee strongly urge the necessity of economy in the use of the water.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*.

JOSEPH P. FITLER,

WM. HORROCKS,

CHARLES E. LEX,

B. F. WRIGHT,

APPENDIX No. 41.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department to whom was referred the communications from the West Philadelphia, Good Intent, Hope, Spring Garden, and Carroll Hose Companies, and the

West Philadelphia and Mount Airy Engine Companies, asking admission into the Fire Department, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and report adversely to the application of the Carroll and Spring Garden Hose Companies, and offer the accompanying resolutions and ask their adoption :

Resolved, That the services of the West Philadelphia Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Resolved. That the services of the West Philadelphia Engine Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Resolved. That the services of the Good Intent Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Resolved. That the services of the Hope Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Resolved. That the services of the Mount Airy Engine Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*.
CHARLES M. SLOCUM,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
JOHN WELSH,
JOHN K. FINDLAY.

July 3, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 42.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Law respectfully report, that amongst the unfinished items remaining in charge of

their predecessors, was the claim of Henry Grout, Esq. for certain professional services rendered by him to the late District of Penn, as also the claim of Frederick W. Brightly, Esq. for professional services rendered to the District of the Northern Liberties and Spring Garden, relative to the opening of Girard Avenue. These claims have been examined by the Committee, who are satisfied of their correctness; the claim of Mr. Grout having also been examined and approved by the Law Committee of 1855-56, as also the former City Solicitor, and its correctness certified by nearly all the Board of Commissioners of the District of Penn. They therefore report an Ordinance providing for the payment of \$650 to Henry T. Grout, Esq. and of \$100 to Frederick C. Brightly, for the services rendered.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
CHARLES E. LEX,
WILLIAM DEAL,
M. J. DOUGHERTY.

June 3, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the payment of the claims of Frederick C. Brightly and Henry T. Grout.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to pay the following claims, to wit:—To Frederick C. Brightly, for professional services rendered to the late Districts of Spring Garden and the Northern Liberties, to enable said Districts to increase the supply of water, the sum of one hundred dollars. To Henry T. Grout, for professional services rendered by him to the late District of Penn, in various cases in the Supreme Court, District Court for the City and County of Philadelphia, and Court of Common Pleas, of said City and County, and for extra services rendered before the Committees of said District, to inquire into the purchase of oil and curb stone, the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the above appropriation shall be drawn by the City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 43.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF PORT WARDENS, &c.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee of Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, submit the accompanying Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance to fix the Wharf line on the Delaware front of the City, and ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman.*

ALEX. MARTIN,

JOHN M'MACKIN,

WILLIAM C. KELLY.

AN ORDINANCE

To fix the lines on the Delaware river, between Pike street on the North, and the Point-House wharf on the South, beyond which no wharf nor pier shall be constructed.

Whereas. By the Act of Legislature, passed January 31st, 1854, entitled a further supplement to an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia, it is made the duty of the Councils of Philadelphia to fix the lines beyond which no wharf or pier shall be constructed, &c. &c.; now therefore,

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the easternmost line to which wharves may hereafter be constructed into the Delaware river, fronting the said City, between the north line of Lennig's wharf, extended at Frankford Creek, and the north side of the Point-House wharf, shall be, and the same is hereby fixed and determined according to the description hereinafter set forth, and the plans deposited among the archives of the City, in the Department of Surveys, made under the authority of the Select and Common Councils of said City, and under the direction of the

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Head of the Department of Surveys, which are made a part of this Ordinance, one copy of which plans shall be made out and deposited in the Office of the Board of Port Wardens, and the said wharf line shall henceforth conform in all respects to the figures on said plan and the following description, to wit :

Beginning at the north-east corner of Lennig's wharf, at mouth of Frankford Creek, thence to the north side of Locust street nine hundred feet from the east side of Garden street; thence to the south line of the third main street above Juniatta street nine hundred and twenty feet east of the west side of Carbon street; thence to the north side of the first main street above Juniatta street sixteen hundred and eighty-five feet east of the west side of Carbon street; thence to the north side of Juniatta street, nineteen hundred and seventy-five feet east of the west side of Carbon street; thence to the north side of a street three hundred and thirty feet north of Luzerne street, two thousand and fifty feet east of the west side of Carbon street; thence to the north line of Pike street six hundred and seventy feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the north side of Erie Avenue seven hundred and eighty feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the north side of Tioga street eight hundred and thirty feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to north side of Westmoreland street seven hundred and eighty feet east of west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the north side of Ann street ten hundred and thirty feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the south side of Cumberland street four hundred and fifteen feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the south side of Shackamaxon street three hundred and sixty feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the north side of Coates street five hundred and seventy feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the south side of Vine street three hundred and five feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the north side of Arch street two hundred and forty-five

feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the north side of Chesnut street two hundred and twenty feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the north side of Walnut street two hundred and ten feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to the north side of Spruce street two hundred and sixty-five feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue; thence to a point one hundred and eighteen feet north of the north line of Lombard street, two hundred and eighty-two feet east of the west side of Delaware Avenue, in line with the south side of Burton's wharf; thence to the north side of Prime street five hundred and ten feet east of the west side of Wharf street; thence to the north side of Moore street five hundred and ninety-six feet east of the east side of Wharf street; thence to the north side of Porter street twenty-five hundred and sixty feet east of east side of East street; thence to the south side of Pollock street thirty-two hundred and seventy-four feet east of the east side of East street; thence to the north side of Point-House wharf, in line with north side, ninety feet east of the north-east corner of wharf, as the same is set forth on said plans.

SEC. 2. That if any person or persons, after the publication of this Ordinance shall erect or extend any wharf or building in the nature of a wharf, into the tideway of the river Delaware, contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, he, she or they, so offending, shall upon conviction thereof, before the Court of Quarter Sessions of the City of Philadelphia, forfeit and pay the sum of four thousand dollars, to the use of the City of Philadelphia, to be recovered in the same manner as other fines and forfeitures are recoverable by law, and the Board of Wardens may, upon the conviction of the offender as aforesaid, cause the said wharf or other building in the nature of a wharf, to be removed or abated, and if the expense of said removal or abatement exceed the fine and forfeiture affixed by the Court, the excess shall be recovered in a civil suit against the offender before the District Court of the City of Philadelphia.

SEC. 3. It shall not be lawful to extend any wharf now built, or construct any new wharf, except in accordance with the following provisions, viz :

Each and every wharf shall, when extended to or near to the wharf line hereby established, consist of a solid pier not less than forty feet in length towards shore, the residue to head of dock, or to within such distance of low water mark, as shall command ten feet of water at low tide, to be supported on piles extending to the elevation of low water, upon which shall rest the crib of the wharf; said piles to be driven not less than four feet from centre to centre, and in line at right angles with the line of side of wharf, said piles to be not less than twelve inches diameter at head, and to be made of white oak, *Provided*, The character of the bottom shall not preclude the safe use of piles, to be determined by the Board of Port Wardens, in which case, a sluice or sluice-ways shall be left in such position or positions and bridged over at the elevation of two feet above low water, as the Board of Port Wardens shall direct; and further *Provided*, That all wharves constructed between Vine and South street shall conform to the provisions as set forth in the Will of Stephen Girard.

SEC. 4. Prior to the commencement of any wharf, the correct lines shall be furnished by the District Surveyor, who shall be entitled to a fee, in advance, of two dollars for each and every ten feet width of wharf, and who shall prepare a minute and detailed plan of the location of said wharf, for the owner thereof, and shall deposit a duplicate thereof in the Department of Surveys, and on application to the Board of Port Wardens for a permit for the construction or extension of a wharf, a minute and detailed plan of survey of said wharf shall be furnished the said Board, to be filed in their Office, and no new wharf shall be erected on the Delaware front that shall not have clear dock room on each side appertaining to such particular wharf, of forty feet in width.

APPENDIX No. 44.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, respectfully submit the accompanying Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the cleaning of the docks on the Delaware and Schuylkill fronts of the City," and ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman.*

JOHN McMACKIN,

WILLIAM C. KELLY,

F. McMANUS,

ALEX. MARTIN,

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the cleaning of the docks on the Delaware and Schuylkill fronts of the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That whenever any dock on the Delaware or Schuylkill front of the City of Philadelphia requires cleaning, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, to require the owners of wharves and piers, which may surround such dock, to cleanse the same to a depth of not less than four feet of the water in the head of dock, and after thirty days default from the service of notice on them to perform said duty, it shall be lawful for the said Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, or the proper officer having supervision of the same, to do said work, and the expenses thereof shall be apportioned among the said owners of said adjoining wharves and piers having the privilege or use of said dock, and if not paid by said owners, the same shall be collected by filing lien therefore, and process thereupon, as in case of claim for paving. *Provided*, That no dock shall be cleaned to a greater depth than the natural bed of the river.

APPENDIX No. 45.

REPORT OF JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF
THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE FOR USE OF SQUARE.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned Joint Special Committee to whom was referred the application of the Franklin Institute Committee, praying the use of a certain portion of the Franklin Square, for the purpose of holding their annual exhibition, respectfully report, That they have given the subject a full and careful consideration, and having visited the ground, and having examined as to the proposed plan of the temporary structure designed to be erected, together with the possibility of the same being placed in the centre of the Square as asked for, are of the opinion that the same can be done, under proper supervision, without injury to the surrounding trees, grass plots or improvements of any part of the Square; and inasmuch as the wide spread renown of the mechanical, artistical and manufacturing skill of the producers of Philadelphia, may in a great measure be attributed to the benevolent exertions and fostering care of the Franklin Institute, of Pennsylvania, it is as small a favor as the Councils of Philadelphia can do to grant their request.

Your Committee therefore offer the following Preamble and Resolutions, and respectfully ask that they may be adopted.

T. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
R. McCay,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
T. M. CUYLER.

June 30, 1856.

Whereas, The Franklin Institute, of Pennsylvania, through their Committee, having applied for the temporary use of the centre portion of Franklin Square; and whereas the said Committee, on behalf of

the Institute have agreed to the following restrictions, viz :—

The grounds shall be surrendered and restored at the close of the Exhibition in perfect order, and free of any expense to the City. The centre portion, including the iron railing around the basin, shall be enclosed and planked over, at least four feet ten inches in height, with strong and substantial material. The grass shall be protected from injury by railings and board foot-ways, and no injury shall be done in the slightest degree to any of the trees or improvements, and the more fully to prevent and guard against accident, all such trees, &c. as the Committee of Councils may recommend, shall be enclosed with strong board cases. All goods and heavy articles shall be taken into and brought from the Square under such restrictions and in such manner as the Committee may from time to time direct; therefore,

Resolved, That the use of the centre portion of Franklin Square, included within the gravel walk and space occupied by the fountain, be granted to the Franklin Institute, of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of holding their Annual Exhibition, from the fifteenth of October to the twenty-fifth day of November, 1856, inclusive. Provided, That the Commissioner of City Property, if the Committee of Councils deem it advisable, shall demand satisfactory security for all damage or accident to the improvements in the Square.

Resolved, That the members of the Committees on City Property of the two branches of Councils, in conjunction with the Commissioner of City Property, shall take charge of and carry into effect the above Preamble and Resolutions, and such other regulations as they may deem necessary.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :—The Franklin Institute, of the State of Pennsylvania, for the promotion of the Mechanic

Arts, were obliged last year to forego their usual exhibition of American manufactures, for the reason that no suitable building could be obtained for the purpose ; the same obstacle exists this year, and the members of the Institute are convinced that the omission to hold an exhibition this fall must result in great injury to the interests of the mechanics and manufacturers of our City and State ; and indirectly affect, in a degree, the welfare of our City.

After diligent search, the Institute find it impossible to procure a suitable building of sufficiently large size, or a central location, on which to erect temporary conveniences ; they, therefore, in the name of the producing interest of our City, ask of Councils that they will grant to the Institute, for a part of the months of October and November next, the use of a portion of the centre of Franklin Square, on which they may erect such temporary accommodations as will suit the wants of an exhibition of the skill of our mechanics.

We assure you that not the least injury shall be done to any tree or improvement in the Square, and that in every respect the grounds shall be left in the same good order and condition as they now are ; and for the more fully securing that result, the Institute request that you will appoint a joint Committee from your body, under whose supervision their action in the matter may be controlled. They also further ask that you will allow the Committee on Exhibitions of the Institute to meet any Committee to whom this petition may be referred, to make further explanations of our wishes.

Very respectfully

Your ob't servant,

JOHN E. ADDICKS, *Chairman.*

Philadelphia, June 19th, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 46.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Resolution from Select Council, approving of the sureties of George F. Goodman, Superintendent of the Girard Estates, having inquired into the sufficiency of the sureties proposed, report the Resolution as committed, and recommend that Common Council concur in its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman.*
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ABM. BAKER,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

July 2, 1856.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

Having been elected Superintendent of Girard Estates, I respectfully offer as securities under Ordinances:—

Michael McGill, \$25.000, gentleman.

Richard G. Laning, 10.000, gentleman.

John Whitman, \$10.000, 1st Teller, Bank of Penn.

James Goodman, \$6.000, Attorney at Law.

The above is accompanied with necessary searches from the different public offices, and refers exclusively to their Real Estate. The bond and warrant of attorney is also executed. Submitted with respect, I remain,

Your obedient servant,
GEORGE F. GOODMAN.

July 1, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 47.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Gas Works ask leave to report a supplement to an Ordinance.

PIERCE BUTLER, *Chairman.*
WM. S. JACKSON,
ABM. BAKER,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
D. McCLEARY,
JOHN PORTER.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for Lighting the Public Lamps," approved December 30, 1854.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the third section of the Ordinance to which this is a Supplement be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that hereafter the location of the public lamps shall be designated by the Committee on Gas Works, and after such designation, the public lamps shall be erected by order of Councils.

APPENDIX No. 48.

AN ORDINANCE.

Regulating the election of Officers and Agents, by the Select and Common Councils.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That from and after the passage of this Ordinance, all elections for officers and agents by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, separately or jointly, shall be *viva voce*; and that so much of any Ordinance as is inconsistent herewith be, and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No 49.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay William M. Evans, Road Damages in
Certificates of City Debt.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Highways, for the purpos of paying William M. Evans the amount assessed, as damages for injury sustained by him in the opening of Thirty-second street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, whenever a certificate shall be produced from the Court of Quarter Sessions that the damages aforesaid have been assessed by a jury, and their report been confirmed absolutely; nor until the City Solicitor certifies that there are no liens against the property for injury to which the said damages have been awarded.

SEC. 3. Upon the delivery of said warrants, countersigned by the Controller, to the City Treasurer, the said Treasurer shall deliver to the person in whose favor the same is drawn, or to his order, certificates of City debt to the amount expressed in such warrant, which certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an Ordinance approved August 23d, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of City debt in payment of Road Damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph," and the said certificates shall be a portion of those thereby authorized to be issued.

APPENDIX No. 50.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department present the accompanying Ordinance, making the annual appropriations to the Companies comprising the Fire Department. In doing so they are compelled to ask an additional appropriation of six thousand and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents. At the time the general appropriations were made the department contained about fifty companies, since which time about thirty have been admitted, and it is to meet the expenses incurred by this increase that the additional sum is asked.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman.*
CHARLES M. SLOCUM,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
JOHN WELSH,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

July 10, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE.

To make appropriations to the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of six thousand and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Fire Department, in addition to the amount already appropriated for the services of that Department for the year 1856. That from the appropriations thus made, there shall be paid to the following Companies, to wit: To the America, Fairmount, Franklin, Marion, Neptune, Pennsylvania, Perseverance, Phoenix, Philadelphia, Robert Morris, Southwark, Schuylkill, Shiffler, Taylor, Vigilant, and Warren Hose Companies. The America, Columbia, Diligent, Delaware, Fairmount, Friendship, Franklin, Globe, Hope, Hand-in-

Hand, Philadelphia, Reliance, United States, Western, Spring Garden, and Independence Engine Companies. The Empire and Protection Hook and Ladder Companies, each the sum of four hundred dollars, being the amount of their annual appropriation for the year ending July, 1856. To the Columbia of Germantown, Decatur of Frankford, Franklin of Germantown, Franklin of Frankford, Good Intent of Roxborough, Liberty of Holmesburg, Manayunk, Monroe, Washington of Germantown, Washington of Frankford, and Fellowship of Germantown Engine Companies. The Germantown and Nicetown Hose Companies, the Excelsior, Mantua, and Rescue Hook and Ladder Companies, each the sum of three hundred dollars, being the amount of their annual appropriation for the year ending July, 1856.

To the Independence Engine Company the sum of four hundred dollars, being their annual appropriation for the year ending July, 1855.

To the Wissahickon Engine Company of Roxborough, the sum of fifty dollars, being the amount of their annual appropriation for the year ending July, 1856.

To the Humane and United Hose Companies, each the sum of three hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, being the amount of their appropriation for eleven months services, ending July, 1856.

To the Humane and Vigilant Engine Companies, the sum of three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents each, being the amount of their appropriation for the ten months services, ending July, 1856.

To the Good Intent and Mechanic Engine Companies, South Penn and William Penn Hose Companies, each the sum of two hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, being the amount of their appropriation for eight months services, ending July, 1856.

To the Union Hose Company, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, being the amount of their appropriation for five months services, ending July, 1856.

To the Northern Liberty Engine Company, the sum of three hundred dollars, being the amount of their appropriation for nine months services, ending July, 1856.

To the Southwark and Good-Will Engine Companies; United States, Niagara and Western Hose Companies, the sum of one hundred and thirty three dollars and thirty-three cents each, being the amount of their appropriation for four months services, ending July, 1856.

To the Weccacoe, Hibernia and Assistance Engine Companies; the Good-Will, Ringgold and Washington Hose Companies, the sum of one hundred dollars each, being the amount of their appropriation for three months services, ending July, 1856.

To the Spring Garden, Good-Will, Hibernia and Assistance Engine Companies, and the Washington Hose Company, the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars each, being the amount of appropriation due them for services to April, 1855.

To the Northern Liberty Engine Company; the United States, Good-Will and Ringgold Hose Companies, the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars each, being the amount of appropriation due them for services to April, 1855.

To the Southwark and Weccacoe Engine Companies; Niagara and Western Hose Companies, the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars each, being the amount of appropriation due them for services to April, 1855.

SEC. 2. Warrants for said appropriations shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, in manner and form, and with the regulations prescribed in existing Ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 51.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, &c., respectfully submit the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman.*
JOHN M'MACKIN,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
BENJ. H. BROWN.

July 10, 1856.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Public Wharves and Landings be, and he is hereby authorized to have the dock at the foot of Walnut street cleaned, under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings.

APPENDIX No. 52.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens, complaining that the grading of Parke street, in the Twenty-second Ward, has been discontinued, in pursuance of the Ordinance of Councils recently passed, respectfully report the annexed resolution, and recommend that the same may be adopted.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized to continue the grading of Parke street, from the point where the same was discontinued

to its termination at the bridge over the Wissahickon, on the Township Line Road, in the Twenty-second Ward.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*.
J. G. SORVER,
THOMAS POTTER,
ALFRED CREASE,
WM. ELLIOTT.
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

July 10, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 53.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petitions for paving the several streets named in the within resolution, and are of the opinion that the same ought to be paved. And they recommend the adoption of the resolution herewith submitted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
J. G. SORVER,
THOMAS POTTER,
ALFRED CREASE,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

July 10, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved. By the Select and Common Councils, that the owners of property, or a majority thereof, on Prichett street, from Thirteenth street, west to a thirty feet wide street in First Ward; Apple street, from Diamond street northward to Susquehanna Avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward, be and they are hereby authorized to have the said streets paved, *Provided*, That the

same shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and the parties contracting to do the same shall enter into an agreement to keep the said streets in good repair for at least twelve months from the time they were opened for public use; and provided further, that the water pipe shall be first laid in the said streets, and the City shall be at no expense for the said paving except for the intersections.

APPENDIX No. 54.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the annexed communication from Lane Schofield, asking for a settlement of his claim for constructing a culvert in the late District of Penn, respectfully report, That the legitimate and ordinary business of the Committee on Highways requires the performance of a great deal of labor, and renders it morally impossible for the Committee to give that attention to the investigation of this claim which its magnitude and importance requires. They therefore respectfully suggest that it be referred to the Committee on Claims, or a special Committee.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman.*

THOMAS POTTER,

J. G. SORVER,

ALFRED CREASE.

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—In the Spring of 1853, I entered into a contract with the District of Penn, for the construction of Culverts. By the terms of that contract, I was to receive the bonds of the District in payment

from time to time, as the work progressed, according to the certificate of the Surveyor. Failing to receive the Bonds as agreed upon, I was compelled to abandon the work, at a sacrifice of time and money. When the Councils under the Consolidation Act were organized, I presented a communication in relation to a settlement of my claim, which was referred to the Committee on Highways, who, after a careful consideration of all the facts in the case, unanimously reported in my favor, awarding me \$3,009 17. The matter was not settled in that Council owing to the sickness and absence of the Chairman of the Committee from the City. Upon the organization of the last Council, I called their attention to its settlement, who referred it to the same Committee. The award was made in my favor. When the report was made, at the request of one of the Committee, it was referred to a Special Committee, who, after repeated examinations reported in my favor. At a special meeting of your body, it was passed by a decided majority, and on being presented in the Select Chamber it received nearly every vote. The Mayor vetoed the ordinance making the appropriation, and on being brought before your Chamber for final action, it failed to pass by a two-third vote, though a majority voted to sustain their previous course. Trusting that you will render me that justice which I am justly entitled to,

I remain very respectfully yours, &c.,

LANE SCHIOFIELD.

APPENDIX No. 55.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER }
OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :—In presenting my fifth Quarterly Re-

port of the number of fires occurring, with the loss sustained for the quarter ending the thirtieth day of June, and condition of the apparatus, it will be seen that it exhibits an increase in the number of fires and in the losses sustained.

The number of fires that have occurred in the quarter is 70; the estimate loss on which is \$985,110, and the insurance \$696,925, leaving an uninsured loss of \$288,185. The increase of fires as compared with the preceding quarter is twelve, the increase in total loss, \$864,843, and the increase in uninsured loss, \$223,185.

The Department consists of 39 Engine, 29 Hose and 5 Hook and Ladder Companies; possessing 43 Engines, 61 Hose Carriages, 6 Trucks, 54,523 feet of hose and 835 feet of ladders.

Honorary members, 2265; active members, 2075; contributing members, 2211. Total number of members, 6551.

Since my last report the house of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, located at the north-east corner of Front and Noble Streets, has, under the supervision of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, been completed, and the Engine removed from the tobacco warehouse, and placed therein. The Engine, from that time, has been in working order and ready to be taken to any fire of sufficient size to need its services, but the present mode of conveyance cause much delay, and I would respectfully recommend that horses be bought and kept in readiness to convey it to the fire on an alarm being given, which could be given from any part of the City by having a Telegraph signal-box placed in the Engine House.

The Department is now in most excellent working order, and I can with safety assert that no department is better able to accomplish its important work.

I would recommend the formation of a Hook and Ladder Company in the neighborhood of Broad and Spruce Streets. I am under the impression that a Company of this kind would prove very useful in the south-western part of the City.

I would respectfully call attention to that part of my

last report which recommends that it be the duty of the night Police to call the firemen on their respective beats when there is an alarm of fire during the night, and also that portion referring to the erection of large bells in each Fire District. Also to have the bell in the steeple of the Spring Garden Hall rung for all fires, as a large number of firemen have to depend entirely on that bell to give them the alarm.

To the members of the Select and Common Councils, I return thanks for the aid extended me in my efforts to discharge the duties assigned me, and particularly to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, who have manifested so much interest in the welfare of the department.

With sentiments of esteem,

I remain yours respectfully,

BENJAMIN A. SHOEMAKER,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATMENT

DATE. 1856.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of Fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED	
					Real Estate.	Personal Property.
April 1	Eleventh street above Market,	2	Stable and horses,	Accidental,	500	1,4
" 1	Alarm from Rabbit Lane, .		Barn,			
" 1	Alarm S. W.					
" 2	Alarm, Pot House,					
" 2	Elghth street near Buttonwood,	3	Loft of Dwelling,	Do.	10	
" 4	Alarm S. W.					
" 5	Frankford,	5	Dwelling houses,	Do.	250	
" 5	Tenth street and Thompson,					
" 5	Market street near Eighteenth,	2	Pottery,	Took fire from kiln,	500	
" 6	Arch street near Front, . . .	2	Dwellings,	Unknown,		
" 7	Near Sixth and Carpenter,	1	Frame building,	Incendiary,	20	
" 9	Sixteenth st. below Fitzwater,	1	Dye works,	Spontaneous comb'tn,		
" 11	Ranstead Place, west of Fourth, and north of Chesnut st. .	2	Artizan Buildings, stores, dwell- ings, stable, box makers, mer- chandise, &c., &c.	Unknown,	55840	213
" 11	Bingham's Court,	2	Dwelling,	Accidental,	800	
" 11	Second street above Race, . .	3	Book store cellar,	Do.		
" 15	Sixth stee and Morris,	1				
" 17	Quarry street near Second, . .	2	Shade factory,	Do.	50	4
" 18	Third street opposite Quarry, .	2		Do.		
" 18	Fifth street and Green,	3	Dwelling,	Furnace,		
" 19	Fifth street near Christian, . .	1	Stable and dwelling,	Incendiary,	500	1
" 19	This afternoon the Fire Alarm		Telegraph was placed in operation	for fire purposes.		
" 19	Alarm.					
" 20	Seventh street below Reed, . .	1	Stable,	Incendiary,	400	13
" 21	South street near Eleventh, . .	1	Brush factory,	Do.		
" 21	Benton's Court,	1	Roof of house,	Accidental,		
" 21	Carlton street near Thirteenth,	3	Bed,	Do.		
" 21	Twentieth st. & Lombard, . . .		Cotton factory,			
" 23	Fetter Lane,	2	Carpenter shop, cooper shop, and store,	Incendiary,	2,810	40
" 26	West Philadelphia,	7	Frame stable,	Set on fire,	800	7
" 27	" " " " " " " " " " " "	7	Slaughter house,	Do.	400	
" 27	Zane street above Seventh, . .	2	Tailoring establishment,	Unknown,	50	
" 27	Eighth and Merriott's Lane, . .	1	Stable,			
" 27	Seventh street and Reed, . . .	1	House,			
" 28	Alarm,		Chimney, Swanwick st. & Queen.			
" 29	Alarm,		Telegraph box broken open.			
" 29	Alarm,		Chimney, Fifteenth st. & Locust.			

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, &c.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property		
John Hewitt, . . .	T. Taylor, Kerr & Graham, .	500			
L. Cummings, . . .	John McCormick, . . .	125		State Mutual Office.	
Owens & Felton, . . .	Owens & Felton, . . .	500		Mutual.	Trifling,
City of Philadelphia, Granlees & Morris, H. Cowperthwait, J. Francis Fisher, C. D. Stewart, John Rea, Mr. Harmer, Mr. Fisher, and Sheaff Estate, . . .	P. S. Duval, J. Burk, E. Gas- kill, G. W. Simons & Bro- ther, C. & C. P. Warner, Fisher & Brother, Robb, Pile & McElroy, D. Bowers, S. N. Foster, Mr. Doble- brower, N. Morgan, S. B. Uddike, S. Eakins, C. Wil- liams, G. Heppard, J. H. Camp, J. Watts, Moss & Brother, B. F. Jackson, E. Jones, John Rea, J. S. War- ner, C. D. Stewart, Rice & Hunt, Evans & Watson	35840	11700	Franklin, Hand in Hand, Philadelphia, Common- wealth, Hope Mutual, Importers & Traders, Ex- change Mutual, Far- mers & Mechanics, Athenæum of London, Provincial of Toronto, Exchange of Pitts. N. American, Reliance, Hartford, Great West- ern, Farmers' Union, Fire Association, Far- mers and Mechanics, Pennsylvania, Spring Garden, American Mu- tual, Equitable Mutual, State Mutual, Delaware, Independent, Girard, Merchants, Phoenix, Royal.	do.
David Jayne, . . .	Mr. Swain, . . .	800		Franklin and Mutual.	
.	G. S. Miller & Co.	50	400		
.	Mrs. McKinney, Thomas Mc- Devitt,	100			
Nicholas Deverick, . . .	Nicholas Deverick,				
Wm. Watts, R. & C. C. Scanlan, . . .	R. & C. C. Scanlan, Mintzer, Black, Steiner & Childs, Thomas Leonard, Messrs. Graham, . . .	1810		Fire Association.	

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE. 1856.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of Fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED	
					Personal Property	Real
May 1,	North street below Sixth, south side,	2	Storehouses, dwellings, stores, hotel, &c. &c.	Supposed spontaneous combustion.	256350	376
" 1,	Chesnut near Tenth street,	2	Dwellings,	Sparks from Sixth st. fire,	650	5
" 1,	Market above Eighth street,	2	Hotel and store,	From Chimney,	700	10
" 6,	German near Fifth street,	1	Frame stable,	Incendiary,	50	1
" 7,	Cohoesink Creek,	5	Canal Boat,	Accidental,		
" 8,	Pine street west of Tenth,	1	Dwelling,	Do.	300	
" 8,	Queen and Lehigh Avenue,	5	Bed,	Do.		
" 11,	Twentieth street and Pine,	1	Factory,	Do.	100	
" 13,	Germantown,	6	Dwellings,	Supposed set on fire,	20	
" 13,	Alarm,					
" 16,	Near Third and Shippen street,	1	Straw in stable,			
" 16,	Eighteenth and Filbert street,	2	Stable,	Accidental,		
" 16,	Alarm,					
" 17,	Tenth and George street,	2	Patent can factory,	Unknown,	50	3
" 17,	Marshall near Franklin street,	4	Factory and dwelling,	Spontaneous com.	500	6
" 17,	Broad and Pleasant street,	3	Brass foundry,	Unknown,	4000	93
" 18,	Commerce near Fifth street,	2	Straw,	Set fire,		
" 22,	Navy Yard, south side,	1	Boat shed,	Accidental,		10
" 23,	Alarm,			Do.		
" 23,	Roxborough,	6	Carpenter shop,	Do.	400	25
" 24,	Twentieth and South street,	1	Cow stable,	Do.		
" 25,	Blair and Frankford Road,	5	Dwelling,	Do.	500	
" 26,	No. 94 N. Front street,	2	Chair factory,	Do.	1100	12
" 30,	Tenth and Thompson street,	4	Carpenter shop,	Incendiary,	200	3
June 1,	Eighth and Southwark street,	1	Vigilant hose house,	Unknown,	450	
" 1,	Bedford street between 7th & 8th,	1	House,	Accidental,	100	
" 1,	Poplar and Ridge Avenue,	4	Frame house,	Set fire,	500	
" 2,	Swanwick and Washington st.	1	Saw mill,	Incendiary,	300	
" 3,	Lydia st. Kensington,	4	Bed post factory,	Accidental,	950	12

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, &c.—CONTINUED.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property		
Jessup & Moore, Richard Levick, Caleb Cope, Sellers & Pennock, F. Clark, Bagely & Woodward, Society of Friends, Estate of Mrs. Howell, Joseph Seal, H. Diabogue, M. Brown, Mr. Fisher, Fairbank & Co. Mr. Nixon, Miss Marley, Mr. Cadmus, Rebecca Howell, Mr. Baker, Wm. A. Everly, W. W. Knight, E. Gratz.	Jessup & Moore, Levick, Raisin & Co. C. C. Davis & Co. Wilcox, Rogers & Fralley, W. W. Knight, Sellers & Pennock, E. Leman & Co. Bagely & Woodward, Walker & Son, Turner & Fisher, Pennypacker & Flynn, S. Croft, H. Harris, Myers & Supplee, G. Bender, Fairbank & Co. Mr. Carter, Garden & Co. Miss Cook, Rommell & Fry, Evans & Quincy, Mrs. Crilly, Francis & Nixon, Goldsmith & Brother, J. Meoney, J. W. Williamson, Connover & Co. Steen & Garrett, W. R. Acton, C. Shoemaker, J. H. O'Harra, A. M. Hollingsworth, J. D. Williamson, Mr. Curran, Mr. Thompson, Miss Marly, J. M. Kelly, I. Ranner, Mr. Brown, H. Tenent, Dr. Baker, C. Myers, Mr. Allen, Bertram & Co. Mr. C. Cadmus, J. B. Cooper, H. C. Peterman, Eby, Conyngnam & Herr.	208350	298200	Franklin, American, Fire Association, Spring Garden, Royal Provincial, Merchants, Farmers & Mechanics, Pennsylvanian, Free Delaware, Philadelphia Mutual, Equitable, Commonwealth, State Mutual, Washington, Union, Mercantile, Great Western, Globe Atlantic, Exchange, Reliance, Mechanics & Merchants.	
Stehell & Brognard, G. Fryer.	J. Kiehl, G. Fryer,	650	500	Philadelphia, Hand in Hand and Commercial.	
Wm. Williams,	Samuel Cohen,	700	1000	Mutual and Exchange.	Trifling, do.
Reese,	M. Reese,				
Wm. Watts,	Wm. Watts,	100			
bez Gates,					do. do.
Charles Foster,	Charles Foster,	50	360	Franklin, American and Fire Association.	
Arthur & Burnham,	Arthur & Burnham,				
Wendell Hummell,	Wendell Hummell,	500	600	Fire Association.	
H. Bellfield, Hoff and Fountain &c.	H. Bellfield, Hoff and Fountain &c.	4000	9300	Exchange, Mutual, Merchants and Mechanics.	
Peter Wright,	Peter Wright,				
Bradley & Brother,	Bradley & Brother,				
Henry and John Hinkle,	Henry and John Hinkle,	400 1100	250	Bucks County	
George F. Sitz,	George F. Sitz,	450		Fire Association.	do.
James Barber,	James Barber,				
Do. Do.				Do. Do.	
J. Funston, Mr. Collins,	J. Funston, Mr. Collins,	950	800	Fire Association, Royal	

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE. 1856.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Real Estate.	Personal Property.
June 3,	Green street below Twelfth, .	4	Bed.			
" 7,	Alarm at 8 & 10½ o'clock, .					
" 9,	Dock street below Second, .	2	Wheelwright shop, . . .	Incendiary, . . .	800	700
" 11,	Richmond and William street, .	4	Stable, &c.	Unknown, . . .	1200	1200
" 11,	Thirteenth street below Spruce, .	1	Trimming store,	Do.		
" 14,	Reed st. near Navy Yard, .	1	Stable,	Do.	150	
" 14,	Chesnut street near Tenth, .	2	St. Lawrence Hotel,	Accidental, . . .		
" 14,	Arch street below Eighth, .	2	Roof of house,	Do.		
" 14,	Alarm N. W.					
" 20,	Flower street,	1	Brick building,	Do.	100	
" 23,	Alarm,					
" 23,	Alarm,					
" 24,	Lombard street above Seventh, .	1	Dwelling, frame	Incendiary, . . .	200	
" 25,	Christian & Merriott's Lane, .	1	Stable and lumber yard, . . .	Do.	1300	1700
" 26,	School House Lane, 22d Ward, .	6	Barn.	Do.	900	300
" 28,	State street,	1	Stable,	Do.	200	
" 29,	Bedford street,	1	Frame house			
" 29,	Native street,	1	Carpenter shop,	Do.		
" 29,	Carpenter street above Eighth, .	1	Stable,	Do.	150	
" 29,	173 Spring Garden street, .	3	Store,	Fire works, . . .		600
" 29,	Pine street near Schuylkill, .	1	Cotton factory,	Spontaneous combus- tion,	100	600
" 30,	Fifteenth and Hamilton street, .	3	Drug and spice mill,	Unknown,	6000	1700

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, &c.—CONTINUED.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property.		
E. McCarty, . . .	Elisha Bell, E. McCarty,	800 500	500		Trifling, do. do.
Mr. Wynn, John Coulter, . . .	R. & W. Clark, John Coulter,	900	800 300	Franklin Office.	do. do.
Thomas Timmins, Wm. Devine and Son, . . .	Misses Chitman & Logan, Wm. Devine and Son, . . .		3000	Roger Williams, Atlantic, Inland & Marine Nav.	
Mr. Matlack,	C. Vanhorn & Co., . . .	6000	17000	Royal, Anthracite, &c.	

RECAPITULATION.

MONTHS.	FIRES.							Depart- ment in ac- tual service.	Estimated Loss on Real Estate.	Estimated Loss on Personal Property.	Total Estimated Loss.	Insurance on Real Estate.	Insurance on Per- sonal Property.	Total Insurance.	Estimated loss on Real Estate over Insurance.	Estimated loss on personal property over insurance.	Total estimated loss over insurance.
	1st District.	2d District.	3d District.	4th District.	5th District.	6th District.	7th District.										
1856.																	
April, -	8	9	4	1	1		2	28	21 \$62980	221860	284790	39725	111100	150825	\$23205	110760	133965
May, -	6	7	1	3	2	2		19	15 264920	393200	658120	216150	310150	526300	48770	83050	131820
June, -	14	8	2	4		1		23	19 12500	28700	42200	8700	11100	19800	4800	17600	22400
Total,	28	19	7	8	3	3	2	70	55 342350	643760	985110	264575	432350	696925	76775	211410	288185

LOSS AND INSURANCE BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Loss.	Insurance.	Loss over insurance.
First Fire District, -	\$ 14,795	\$ 4,750	\$ 10,045
Second do. -	919,985	662,250	257,735
Third do. -	36,910	25,300	11,610
Fourth do. -	6,650	3,850	2,800
Fifth do. -	750	125	625
Sixth do. -	4,120	650	3,470
Seventh do. -	1,900		1,900
Total, - - - -	\$985,110	\$696,925	\$288,185

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF

NAMES OF COMPANIES.	First Class Engines.	Second Class Engines.	Suction Engines.	4-Wheeled Hose Carriages	2-Wheeled Hose Carriages	Trucks.	No. Feet of Hose good.	No. Feet of Hose old.	No. Feet of Ladders.	All in good condition.
America Engine,	1			2	1		1100			"
America Hose,							1100			"
Columbia Engine,	1			1	1		650			"
Columbia Engine of Germantown,	1			1			520			"
Diligent Engine,	1				1		950			"
Delaware Engine,	1						250			"
Decatur Engine,		1	1	1			1000			"
Empire Hook and Ladder,						1	150		152	"
Excelsior Hook and Ladder,						1			150	"
Fairmount Engine,	1		1	1			750			"
Fairmount Hose,				2			800	300		"
Friendship Engine,	1				1		450			"
Franklin Engine,	1						200	150		"
Franklin of Germantown,	1						300			"
Franklin of Frankford,	1		1	1			600			"
Franklin Hose,				2			1000			"
Fellowship Engine,			1	1			1000			"
Good Intent Engine of Roxborough,		1	1	1						"
Globe Engine,	1				1		800			"
Germantown Hose,			1	1			500			"
Hope Engine,	1		1	1			450			"
Hand-in-Hand Engine,	1		1	1			650			"
Independence Engine,	1						100			"
Liberty Engine,			1	1			550			"
Manayunk Engine,	1	1	1	1			500			"
Marion Hose,				2			1800			"
Mantua Hook and Ladder,						1			141	"
Monroe Engine,		2			1		250			"
Neptune Hose,				2			1000			"
Nicetown Hose,				1			600			"
Pennsylvania Hose,				2			1400			"
Perseverance Hose,				1			800			"
Philadelphia Engine,	1			1	1		900			"
Philadelphia Hose,				2			1300			"
Protection Hook and Ladder,						1	200		140	"
Robert Morris Hose,				1			1050			"
Reliance Engine,	1						300			"
Rescue Hook and Ladder,						1			127	"
Southwark Hose,			2				1000	500		"
Schnylkill Hose,			1				1300			"
Shiffler Hose,				2			1000			"
Taylor Hose,				1			500			"
United States Engine,	1						295			"
Vigilant Hose,			2				1000			"
Washington Engine of Germantown,	1		1	1			700			"
Western Engine,	1				1		1100			"
Warren Hose,				1			1300			"
Wissahickon Engine of Germantown,	1						200	200		"
Washington Engine of Frankford,		1					800			"
Phoenix Hose,	1				1		800			"
Humane Hose,			1	1			1350			"
Humane Engine,	1						300			"
Tivoli Hose,										"
United Hose,				1			1126			"
Spring Garden Engine,	1						300			"

THE APPARATUS, JULY 1, 1856.

No. Fires during year, at which in actual service.	Average attendance there-at of members.	Total numbers out for the year, at said fires.	No. OF MEMBERS.				LOCATION OF COMPANIES.	No. of Fire District.
			Honorary.	Active.	Contributing.	Total.		
62 18		1116	43	20	38	101	Buttonwood east of Third.	3
112 14 1/4		1596	28	11	65	104	Carpenter below Seventh, north of Chestnut.	2
62 16		922	44	25	45	114	Filbert above Eleventh.	2
8 25		200	15	43		58	Wistar street, Germantown.	6
85 16		1360	90	51	109	250	Tenth and Filbert,	2
32 20		640	8	26	1	35	Twentieth below Lombard.	1
5 23		115		40		40	Church street, Frankford,	5
80 12		960	8	19	55	82	Franklin above Wood.	3
3 10		3		30	3	33	Frankford.	5
103 28		2884	68	154	106	328	Ridge avenue, near Wood street.	3
61 9		549	2	20	12	34	Pleasant above Eleventh.	3
46 25		1000	20	22	124	166	Brown street, below Third.	4
65 14		910	60	29	18	107	Catharine above Third.	1
3 20		60	6	34	10	50	Germantown avenue, above Franklin st.	6
5 23		115	1	35		36	Frankford.	5
74 15		1110	15	19	25	59	Broad above Fitzwater.	1
13 25		325	13	66		79	Armata, Germantown near Main,	6
				29	8	37	Roxborough, 21st Ward.	6
23 10		220	21	14	17	52	Germantown road above Second,	4
3 20		60		26		26	East Washington, Germantown.	6
29 18		522	20	22	18	60	Sixth below Shippen.	1
			51	24	20	95	Ninth above Poplar.	4
8 15		120	8	27		35	Spring Garden near Twenty-fourth.	3
8 20		160		32	16	48	Holmesburg.	5
2 40		80	10	47		57	Manayunk, 21st Ward.	6
72 12		864	57	23	28	108	Queen below Sixth.	1
8 17		136		29	17	46	Haverford, east of Lancaster avenue.	7
8 20		160	2	48	14	64	Monroeville, 24th Ward.	7
85 10		850	98	14	30	142	Crown above Race.	3
14 15		210		25		25	Nicetown.	6
106 18		1908	61	26	33	120	Eighth near Green.	3
80 10		800	56	19	20	95	Quarry below Third.	2
98 25		2450	40	36	12	88	Seventeenth below Chestnut.	2
116 20		2320	72	23	90	185	S. E. corner of Seventh and Farmer.	2
21 12		252	2	18	6	26	Front near Franklin.	4
87 10		870	60	20	95	175	Lombard above Eighth.	1
26 8		208	47	18	13	78	New above Second.	3
5 11		55		24	6	30	Aramingo.	5
112 12		1344	90	8	12	110	Second and South.	2
95 9		855	36	16	27	79	Locust near Thirteenth.	2
84 21		1764	19	30	40	89	Reed below Second.	1
35 20		700	10	26	50	86	Howard and Putnam, Kensington. 19th Ward.	4
87 22		1914	64	26	61	151	Wood near Crown.	3
62 9 1/3		589	7	19	69	95	Eighth near Federal.	1
13 24		312		39	6	45	Germantown avenue and Walnut,	6
36 20		720	27	26	13	66	Callowhill above Eighteenth.	3
90 15		1350	9	12	11	32	Barker above Eighteenth.	2
				1	24	4	Wissahickon.	6
2 35		70	1	42	20	63	Frankford above Sellar, Frankford.	5
41 16		656	45	14	105	164	Zane above Seventh.	2
67 7 3/4		491	45	8	32	85	Wood below Third.	3
77 23 1/4		1771	41	37	70	148	Callowhill near Second.	3
30 16		480		23	14	37	Brown below Eleventh.	4
34 15		510		31	20	51	Twentieth above Callowhill.	3

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF

NAMES OF COMPANIES.	First Class Engines.	Second Class Engines.	Suction Engines.	4 Wheeled Hose Carriages.	2 Wheeled Hose Carriages.	Trucks.	No. Feet of Hose, Good.	No. Feet of Hose, Old.	No. Feet of Ladders.	All in good condition.
Vigilant Engine,	1			1			600			"
Northern Liberty Engine,	1			1			600			"
Good Intent Engine,	1			1			1000	200		"
Mechanic Engine,	1			1			600			"
South Penn Hose,				2			950			"
William Penn Hose,				2			1100			"
Southwark Engine,	1				1		700			"
Good Will Engine,	1				1		700			"
United States Hose,				1			1013			"
Niagara Hose,				1			700	400		"
Western Hose,				1			1600			"
Weccacoe Engine,	1			1		1	1000		125	"
Hibernia Engine,	1				1		800			"
Good Will Hose,				1			900			"
Ringgold Hose,				1			800	700		"
Washington Hose,				1			800			"
Assistance Engine,	1			1			700			"
Union Hose,				1			950			"
Steam Fire Engine Young America,				1			1100			"

THE APPARATUS, JULY 1, 1856.

No. of Fires during year at which in actual service.	Average attendance there- at of members.	Total numbers out for the year at said fires.	No. OF MEMBERS.				LOCATION OF COMPANIES.	No. of Fire District.
			Honorary.	Active.	Contributing.	Total.		
61 22	1342	62	51	70	183	Race street below Second.	3	
36 23	825	50	25	92	167	Front street near Green.	3	
18 14	252	20	25	30	75	Allen street above Frankford Road.	4	
50 25	1250	33	32	10	75	Brown street above Broad.	4	
35 7	245	16	22	15	53	Tenth above Girard Avenue.	4	
25 16	560	33	32	7	72	Frankford Road near Franklin.	4	
20 31	620	67	24	21	112	Third street above Washington.	1	
15 16	240	84	38	37	159	Race street below Broad.	2	
20 13	260	52	26	78	156	Famany street below York Avenue.	3	
31 12	372	37	11	7	55	Monroe below Third street.	3	
43 16	688	83	35	15	133	Twentieth street and Harrison.	1	
22 26 1/2	1463	90	40	197	327	Queen street below Second.	1	
15 30	450	104	38	50	192	York street below Third.	1	
9 12	108	23	19	9	51	Wood street above Twenty-Second.	2	
8 9	72	3	10	9	22	Randolph street above Franklin.	3	
8 16	128	52	15	15	82	Ninth street above Filbert.	4	
5 40	200	35	43	15	93	Crown street near Vine.	2	
16 15	240	20	5	25	25	Garden street, near Thirty-fifth, Mantua.	7	
		2		2	2	Front street and Noble.	3	

OFFICERS OF COMPANIES.

NAMES OF COMPANIES.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
America engine, - -	R. P. Bender,	Thos. T. Moore,
America hose, - -	Wm. H. Hamilton,	Edward D. Yates,
Columbia engine, - -	Wm. D. Mullen,	A. W. Auner,
Columbia engine of Ger'twn,	Wm. K. Cox,	Henry Bates,
Diligent engine, - -	E. A. Souder,	Andrew J. Baker,
Delaware engine, - -	Samuel S. Stone,	James Metcalf,
Decatur engine, - -	John Deal,	R. F. Corson,
Empire hook and ladder, -	R. L. Rutter,	T. P. Russell,
Excelsior hook and ladder, -	John Arthur,	Isaac P. Branin,
Fairmount engine, - -	David M. Lyle,	A. C. Stevenson,
Fairmount hose, - -	Wm. H. Hinchman,	H. L. Clotworthy
Friendship engine, - -	Lewis S. Rush,	Jas. R. Taylor,
Franklin engine, - -	J. Saunders,	J. R. Cantlin,
Franklin of Germantown, -	B. F. Yost,	Chas. Grant,
Franklin of Frankford, -	Wm. Glenn,	W. Higgs,
Franklin hose, - -	John Hirst,	Thos. Thompson,
Fellowship engine, - -	F. Emhardt,	F. B. Rittenhouse,
Good Intent engine of Roxb'h,	Richard Haley,	Thos. F. Nicholas,
Globe engine, - -	Francis Reilly,	Edward Jones,
Germantown hose, - -	E. M. Firth,	T. W. Wright,
Hope engine, - -	James Martin,	M. V. Fagan,
Hand-in-Hand engine, - -	Josiah Sapp,	Jacob C. Hess,
Independence engine, - -	James Johnson,	D. McLaughlin,
Liberty engine, - -	J. K. Osmon,	M. H. Clift,
Manayunk engine, - -	H. M. Nixon,	J. B. Gibson,
Marion hose, - -	David W. Morris,	Geo. Daily,
Mantua hook and ladder, -	J. Williamson,	J. M. Du Shane,
Monroe engine, - -	Frederick J. Sorber,	E. McCowan, jr.
Neptune hose, - -	R. B. Quayle,	A. J. Bossert,
Nicetown hose, - -	Wm. Warner,	S. Kerbaugh,
Pennsylvania hose, - -	Chas. G. Willing,	Chas. H. Spieler,
Perseverance hose, - -	Peter Fritz,	Jno. G. Butler,
Philadelphia engine, - -	T. L. Bigalow,	Jno. Patterson,
Philadelphia hose, - -	George Briggs,	E. F. Miller,
Protection hook and ladder,	R. C. Miller,	James Briant,
Robert Morris hose, - -	L. M. Mathew,	Jas. A. Phillips,
Reliance engine, - -	L. S. Cairl,	A. C. Stubb,
Rescue hook and ladder, -	M. Suster,	W. T. Street,
Southwark hose, - -	Jas. Dalzell,	Wm. Y. Cambell,
Schuylkill hose, - -	Wm. Fritz,	J. McClenaghan,
Shiffler hose, - -	Wm. A. Dankle,	Wm. E. Siddons,
Taylor hose, - -	Wm. A. Bayne,	Wm. McCain,
United States engine, - -	Jos. Reakert,	P. Stackhouse, jr.,
Vigilant hose, - -	J. H. Butler,	N. T. Brown,
Wash'ton engine of Ger'twn,	C. B. Engle,	J. S. Rittenhouse,
Western engine, - -	Jacob Hansell,	Geo. Downey, jr.
Warren hose, - -	John Rice,	D. B. Litzenberg,

OFFICERS OF COMPANIES—CONTINUED.

NAMES OF COMPANIES.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Wissahickon eng. of Ger't'wn,	James Lord, jr.,	Nich. Rittenhouse,
Wash'ton engine of Frank'd,	John G. Teese,	Jno. S. Rose,
Phoenix hose, - -	Samuel Sparhawk,	Thos. Sharp,
Humane hose, - -	Chas. R. Bicking,	Jno. H. Parker,
Humane engine, - -	Wm. H. Souder,	Jno. Allen,
Tivoli hose, - -		
United hose, - -	Rich. M. Staunton,	E. W. Shipley,
Spring Garden engine, -	Edward Marklew,	G. F. Wilson,
Vigilant engine, - -	Geo. W. Tryon,	Henry H. Hodges,
Northern Liberty engine,	Jno. Landell,	Samuel B. Savin,
Good Intent engine, - -	Jacob Moyer,	Chas. Wilkins,
Mechanic engine, - -	Rich. Finch,	Geo. Wagner,
South Penn hose, - -	R. G. Creighton,	Thos. Neel,
William Penn hose, - -	Jos. Kochersperger,	Jos. L. Bowen,
Southwark engine, - -	R. H. Gorbitt,	S. L. Durand,
Good Will engine, - -	Wm. J. Pascoe,	Lewis S. Heins,
United States hose, - -	Robt. Armstrong,	Thos. J. Smith,
Niagara hose, - -	John T. Reilly,	Henry York,
Western hose, - -	John White,	John Gibbony,
Weccacoe engine, - -	Jos. R. Lyndall,	S. Clowney,
Hibernia engine, - -	R. Stirling Wilson,	John R. Downing,
Good Will hose, - -	Thos. Wallace,	Henry Flather,
Ringgold hose, - -	M. J. Brickner,	S. R. Reed,
Washington hose, - -	Wm. B. Schmider,	Jos. J. Ryan,
Assistance engine, - -	Daniel R. Murphy,	Thos. Durnell,
Union hose, - -	B. R. Miller.	J. Crosdale.
Steam fire eng. Young America		

DIRECTORS OF COMPANIES.

NAMES OF COMPANIES.	DIRECTORS AND RESIDENCE.
America engine, - -	E. D. Yates, No. 336 N. Tenth, near Green.
America hose, - -	Peter A. Galager, Madison st. above Race,
Columbia engine, - -	Benjamin Allen, Germantown.
Columbia engine of Ger'twn, - -	Jas. H. Snethen, 289 Market st.
Diligent engine, - -	Samuel S. Stone, 57 N. Front st.
Delaware engine, - -	Henry C. Pratt, Frankford.
Decatur engine, - -	R. L. Rutter, 21 Walnut st.
Empire hook and ladder, - -	John Shalcross, Frankford.
Excelsior hook and ladder, - -	Peter W. Grear.
Fairmount engine, - -	J. McCaully.
Fairmount hose, - -	Lewis S. Rush, 185 Brown st.
Friendship engine, - -	P. J. Desmond, 86 Union st.
Franklin engine, - -	Wm. Swem, Germantown.
Franklin of Germantown, - -	C. T. Holme, Frankford.
Franklin of Frankford, - -	John Smith, Twelfth st. below Shippen.
Franklin hose, - -	F. B. Rittenhouse, Germantown.
Fellowship engine, - -	Chas. Dager, Roxborough.
Good Intent engine of Roxb'h, - -	Francis Reilly, 426 Brown st.
Globe engine, - -	Casper Guyer, Germantown.
Germantown hose, - -	John S. Whetstone, Sixth, below Chris'n.
Ilope engine, - -	Wm. Paul, 222 Shippen st.
Hand-in-hand engine, - -	James Johnson, 14 Wilcox st.
Independence engine, - -	George S. Fox, Holmesburg, 23d Ward.
Liberty engine, - -	J. Shaw, Manayunk.
Manayunk engine, - -	Wm. R. Beattes, 215 Queen below Fifth st
Marion hose, - -	John Given, West Philadelphia.
Mantua hook and ladder, - -	Wm. P. Lentz, Blockley P. O.
Monroe engine, - -	F. N. Wharton, Gilbert bel. Tenth, 13 W'd.
Neptune hose, - -	J. N. Freed, Nicetown,
Nicetown hose, - -	C. G. Willing, 417 North Eighth st.
Pennsylvania hose, - -	Wm. A. Thorp, 69 Race st.
Perseverance hose, - -	C. M. Young, 19 Lee st.
Philadelphia engine, - -	C. T. Myers, No. 520 Chestnut street,
Philadelphia hose, - -	R. C. Miller, Beach st.
Protection hook and ladder, - -	H. L. Sinexon, 231 Chestnut st.
Robert Morris hose, - -	L. S. Cairl, 183 North Third st.
Reliance engine, - -	John Garside, Frankford.
Rescue hook and ladder, - -	W. T. Cambell, N. W. Eighth and Fitzw'r.
Southwark hose, - -	Wm. A. Rolin, N. E. Eighth and Market.
Schuylkill hose, - -	E. C. Heppard, S. W. cor. Prime and Evans.
Shiffler hose, - -	Thos. H. Spence, Washigton ab. Oxford.
Taylor hose, - -	D. R. Ettla, 165 Market st.
United States engine, - -	Chas. F. Crap.
Vigilant hose, - -	J. S. Rittenhouse, Main and Rittenhouse.
Wash'ton engine of Ger'twn, - -	Geo. Downey, jr., 12 Marsellis Place.
Western engine, - -	Wm. Trederick.
Warren hose, - -	

DIRECTORS OF COMPANIES—CONTINUED.

NAMES OF COMPANIES.	DIRECTORS AND RESIDENCE.
Wissahickon eng. of Ger't'wn,	Thos. Umstead, Germantown.
Washingt'n engine of Frankf'd,	Thos. T. Holme, Frankford.
Phoenix hose, - -	F. S. Lewis, 270 Walnut or 135 S. Front.
Humane hose, - -	Benj. Heppard, 1 Smith Court.
Humane engine, - -	John M. Melloy, 291 Market st.
Tivoli hose, - -	
United hose, - -	E. W. Shipley, 103 Spring Garden st.
Spring Garden engine, - -	R. Boyd, Ninetcenth, next to S. Penn. av.
Vigilant engine, - -	Theo. Wilson, 6 North Tenth bel. Green.
Northern Liberty engine, - -	Thos. Brook, 25 Green st.
Good Intent engine, - -	Jacob Moyer, Frankford Road and Queen.
Mechanic engine, - -	Geo. Wagner 12, Charlotte st. ab. Brown.
South Penn hose, - -	Rob. Creighton.
William Penn hose, - -	John C. Clothier, Dutton ab. Otter.
Southwark engine, - -	R. H. Gorbutt. No. 142 Chesnut street,
Good Will engine, - -	Geo. W. Ogden.
United States hose, - -	Wm. Little, jr., 71 Noble st.
Niagara hose, - -	John Carrow, 362 Locust st.
Western hose, - -	Henry Baker, 474 Locust st.
Weccacoe engine, - -	E. J. Deamy, 103 Merriotts st.
Hibernia engine, - -	Daniel J. Carlon, Merriotts st. ab. Sixth.
Good Will hose, - -	Geo. W. Hyde, Washington Hotel Fairm't.
Ringgold hose, - -	E. W. Reed.
Washington hose, - -	Hiram Stimmel, 191 Chestnut st., Kerr's.
Assistance engine, - -	John Webb, S. E. cor. Sixth and Race sts.
Union hose, - -	B. R. Miller, 24th Ward. W. P.

GENERAL SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	ROLL OF MEMBERS.					
	Honorary.	Active.	Contributing.	Total.		
First . . .	523	298	534	1355		
Second . . .	660	298	586	1544		
Third . . .	824	598	681	2103		
Fourth . . .	209	248	299	756		
Fifth . . .	2	203	45	250		
Sixth . . .	45	333	28	406		
Seventh . . .	2	97	38	137		
Total . . .	2265	2075	2211	6551		
Engine Companies.	5	5				
Hose Companies.	8	7				
Hook and Ladder Companies.	1	1				
First Class Engines.	1	1				
Second Class Engines.	4	6				
Suctions.	3	3				
4 Wheeled Hose Carriages.	13	9				
2 Wheeled Hose Carriages.	1	6				
Trucks.	1	1				
No. Feet of Hose.	10,900	11,460				
No. Feet of Ladders.	125	152				
Honorary.	523	298	534	1355		
Active.	298	298	586	1544		
Contributing.	534	598	681	2103		
Total.	1355	248	756	250		

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

BENJAMIN A. SHOEMAKER, *Chief Engineer.*

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

1st Fire District,	JOHN C. POULSON.
2d “	JOHN A. ROLIN.
3d “	HENRY ROBINSON.
4th “	BENJAMIN WHARTON.
5th “	WILLIAM GLENN.
6th “	JAMES C. TULLY.
7th “	ROBERT C. HICKS.

EDWARD D. YATES, *Secretary of the Department.*

APPENDIX No. 56.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the communications from Diligent Hose Company, the Moyamensing Hose Company, and the Washington Engine Company, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and offer the following resolutions, and ask their adoption.

Resolved, That the services of the Diligent Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Resolved, That the services of the Moyamensing Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Resolved, That the services of the Washington Engine Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman.*
CHARLES M. SLOCUM,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
JOHN WELSH,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

July 10, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 57.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES.

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Special Committee appointed to draft rules for the government of your Chamber, respectfully submit the following:

RULE I. The President, or, in his absence, a member chosen to preside during the meeting, shall call the members to order at 3 o'clock P. M., and upon its being apparent that a quorum is present, shall cause the Journal of the last meeting to be read, and corrected as the Council shall determine.

He shall decide all questions of order, and his decisions shall be submitted to without debate, unless two members require an appeal to Council, which appeal shall be debatable.

He shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise determined by Council.

He shall call special meetings of Council upon request of fifteen members; but when such meeting shall be called, the Clerk shall be directed to insert in the notices to members the import of the business on which they are to convene; and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

RULE II. The Clerk shall keep a Journal of all the transactions of Council with an index to the same, and present all messages to Select Council.

He shall cause the messengers to serve notices of special meetings upon all the members, at least one day previous thereto.

He shall, in the absence of the President, call special meetings when requested to do so by fifteen members.

He shall keep a book to be called the Committee Book, in which he shall enter in columns, under appropriate heads, the time of the appointment of all Committees, and the names of the members thereof; a brief title of the subject committed, and the

time at which the Committee reported and were discharged.

He shall also keep a book, in which he shall enter in proper columns, a brief title of such bills, resolutions or other papers as may have been read a first time and laid on the table at any former meeting, but not yet referred to Committees, or otherwise disposed of; the time of their being first read, and of their disposal; and shall lay these books before the President at each meeting, for information of Council.

He shall furnish the Chairman of every Committee with a copy of the resolution under which they are appointed, together with all papers and documents connected with the subject referred.

RULE III. If a quorum of the members do not attend within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the members present may then adjourn, the Clerk inserting their names on the Journal; but if a quorum attend, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Petitions, Remonstrances and Communications may be presented and referred, for which purpose the Wards shall be called in their numerical order.

2. Reports of Committees may be made.

First. From Standing Committees.

Second. From Select Committees.

3. Original Resolutions may be offered, and items of unfinished business may be referred.

4. Bills may be read in place.

5. Bills on third reading.

6. Reports and Resolutions may, on motion, be considered.

7. Of Bills.

First. Those on which the Chamber had made progress on second reading.

Second. Bills on which no order had been taken.

RULE IV. Reports, Resolutions and Bills shall not be considered on the same day or sitting on which they are made, offered or reported, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

RULE V. Every member presenting a paper to the

Chair shall first endorse thereon its general import; and every member who shall make a motion shall rise and address the Chair.

RULE VI. No debate shall be entered into on any motion, unless that motion be seconded, and stated from the Chair; and all motions shall, if requested by two members, or by the President, be reduced to writing. No member shall speak longer than five minutes, nor oftener than twice, upon any one question, without leave of Council.

RULE VII. While a subject is under consideration, no motion shall be made except to amend, divide, commit or postpone it, and no amendment which tends to destroy the general sense of the clause, or motion shall be entertained.

RULE VIII. Every bill shall receive three several readings in the Chamber, one of which shall be at length, previously to its passage.

RULE IX. A motion to reconsider any former resolution or vote, can only be made or seconded by a member who voted with the majority and at the same meeting, or at the stated meeting next ensuing.

RULE X. No rule of Council shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

RULE XI. Council may resolve itself into a committee of the Whole, and while so sitting, shall be governed by the rules applicable to the Committee of the Whole of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania.

RULE XII. All reports of Committees shall be in writing, and signed by all the members agreeing thereto.

RULE XIII. None but members of Select Council, their officers, the Mayor of the City and Heads of Departments, ex-members of Council, Judges of the Courts, members of Congress and of the State Legislature, shall be permitted to come on the floor of the Chamber during the session.

Your Committee have also had under consideration two messages from Select Council, one of which con-

tains a proposition for this Chamber to appoint a Committee of conference upon the question of the Standing Committees; and the other, containing an Ordinance constituting the Committee on Finance a joint Committee.

With respect to the first message, your Committee beg leave to submit a detailed statement of the action of this Chamber in the premises. At the second meeting of the present Council, a resolution was passed directing the President to appoint the Standing Committees of this Chamber in accordance with the views of a majority of the members. The objection made to the passage of this Resolution was, that the mode of appointing these committees had been already determined by an Ordinance passed in 1854. After full debate, however, the Resolution was passed by a large majority, on the ground that previous Councils could not prescribe a mode of organization for subsequent Councils. At the same meeting, from a sense of courtesy to the other Chamber, an Ordinance was passed repealing that of 1854, whereby the Committees were appointed jointly. The Select Chamber refused to concur. Notwithstanding this refusal, confident of your right, the Committees were appointed as provided for by the Resolution already referred to, since which time your Committees have held regular meetings and acted promptly upon all matters referred to them. Some of the Committees of Select Council have demanded the right to meet jointly with yours; this demand has been refused, not from any disrespect to the gentlemen constituting them, nor to the Select Council, but from a deliberate conviction of the advantages of separate Committees. Thus the matter stands.

It will be observed that the appointment of a Committee of Conference would be a virtual yielding of the right for which this Chamber has hitherto contended. It is, therefore, deemed inexpedient.

Nevertheless, it being apparent that for certain purposes, it is proper that the Committees should meet jointly, your Committee recommend the following compromise, to wit: That after the other Chamber

shall repeal the Ordinance of 1854, a "Committee of Conference" shall be appointed with the power to act on the following basis. To propose a joint rule making it obligatory upon the Committees to meet jointly whenever called together in such capacity by the Chairmen of both Committees.

With respect to the other message, your Committee suggests that it is inexpedient to concur in the Ordinance, inasmuch as provision has already been made to attend to the business which the jointure of Committees on Finance contemplates in this Ordinance, a joint Standing Committee having been appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes.

JOSHUA T. OWEN, *Chairman*.
ISAAC LEECH, JR.
M. A. BOYLE,
D. S. HASSINGER,
HENRY T. KING.

July 10, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 58.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee to examine and verify City Treasurer's Cash account, beg leave to report that they met on the 9th instant, and informed the Treasurer that they were prepared to proceed to business, and that he refused to acknowledge them as a properly constituted Committee, but that he would be happy to meet a joint Committee of Councils.

SAML. H. MECUTCHEN, *Chairman*.
C. VANHORN,
EDWIN BOOTH.

APPENDIX No. 59.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution from Select Council, approving of the sureties offered by J. H. Fisler, agent of the Girard Estates, John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, and Emanuel Street, and Thomas McCullough, Assistant Commissioners of Highways, report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*.
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ABRAM. BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
JOHN K. FINDLAY.

July 10, 1856.

The Committee on Finance from this Chamber, to whom was referred the Communications from J. H. Fisler, Agent of the Girard Estates, John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, and Emanuel Street and Thomas McCullough, Assistant Commissioners of Highways elect, report that they have made inquiry in reference thereto, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That Joseph Cake, Lewis Shinnick, and Thomas W. McGrath, sureties offered by J. H. Fisler, Agent of the Girard Estates; Thomas Daily and William McGlensey, sureties offered by John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways; and Jacob Bockius and John Grim, sureties offered by Emanuel Street, Assistant Commissioner of Highways, and Jesse T. Vodges and Richard Simpson, sureties for Thomas McCullough, as Assistant Commissioner be approved, and that the City Solicitor be authorized to

secure the requisite bonds, and have the same entered on record.

D. S. BEIDEMAN, *Chairman.*

JOSEPH TAYLOR,

J. N. MARSELIS,

GEORGE WILLIAMS,

JOHN WELSH,

Committee on Finance, Select Council.

APPENDIX No. 60.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, "To provide for the payment of the State taxes received by the City Treasurer on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," respectfully report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman.*

JOHN K. FINDLAY.

THOMAS CRAVEN,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

July 17, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the payment of State taxes received by the City Treasurer, on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two hundred and forty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of so much of the State taxes on property in the City of Philadelphia, as may have been collected and paid into the City Treasury before the twenty-fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said taxes

collected and paid into the Treasury as aforesaid, shall be drawn by the City Treasurer, on the twenty-fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in the manner and form and with the requisites set forth in existing Ordinances relative to the drawing of Warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 61.

REPORT OF THE WATERING COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Watering Committee deem it expedient that water pipes should be laid in Ann street, from Ridge Avenue to Nineteenth street, they therefore beg leave to report the annexed resolution, and respectfully ask its passage.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*.
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
BENJ. F. WRIGHT,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
WILLIAM HORROCKS,
CHARLES E. LEX.

July 17, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

To direct the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water, to cause certain water pipes to be laid.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water, be authorized, and he is hereby directed to cause water pipe of the proper diameter to be laid in Ann street, from Ridge Avenue to Nineteenth street.

APPENDIX No. 62.

REPORT OF THE WATERING COMMITTEE.

To the Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Watering Committee, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, deem it expedient that the work shop, No. 200 Cherry street, belonging to said Department, should be raised an additional story, and a new roof placed upon the same; they therefore beg leave to report a resolution providing for the said work-shop to be raised an additional story, and a new roof placed upon the same, and respectfully ask its adoption.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman.*
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
WM. HORROCKS,
CHARLES E. LEX.

July 17, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To direct the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water, to cause the work-shop, No. 200 Cheery street, to be repaired,

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water, be authorized and is hereby directed to cause the work-shop, No. 200 Cherry street, to be raised an additional story, and a new roof placed upon the same, provided the expense incurred of doing said repairs shall not amount to the sum of more than two hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 63.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petitions for paving the streets named in the

annexed resolution, have had the same under consideration, and report the said resolution directing the same to be paved, and respectfully recommend its adoption.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman.*
 THOMAS POTTER,
 J. G. SORVER.
 WM. ELLIOTT,

July 17, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize property holders to pave certain streets therein named.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the property holders or a majority thereof, on Eighteenth street from Shippen to Prime streets, in the First Ward; Orr street, Francis to Ann streets, and Virginia street from Twenty-first to Twenty-fourth street, in the Fifteenth Ward be, and they are hereby authorized to pave and grade the same under the supervision of the Department of Highways. *Provided,* That the City shall be at no expense for the said paving or grading, except for paving the intersections, and provided that the water pipes shall be first laid within said streets.

APPENDIX No. 64.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations beg leave to report the accompanying Ordinance relating to a lateral culvert in Nectarine Street, and ask its adoption.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman.*
 SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
 JOSEPH GEISS,
 SPENCER ROBERTS.

July 17, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

For the construction of a certain Drain.

The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Department of Highways be authorized, and is hereby directed to lay a vitrified clay drain pipe in the line of Nectarine street from Ninth street, to connect with the sewer on the line of Tenth street, said pipe to be inspected and laid in accordance with the lines and levels furnished by the Department of Surveys: the size of said pipe not to exceed eight inches clear diameter, with a four inch branch connection for every two houses on each side of the street; and it shall be the duty of the Department of Highways to present to the Department of Surveys the cost thereof, within fifteen days after the work is completed; and said Department of Surveys shall within ten days thereafter, assess the said expense, (excluding the distance from the house line of Tenth street to culvert,) against the several owners of ground fronting on said street, each in proportion to their fronts thereon, which bills for amounts of seventy-five cents, or under, per foot lineal of front shall be presented and filed when necessary, in the same manner as paving bills are authorized in Ordinance of May 3, 1855, "To regulate the manner of paving streets, &c. &c."

APPENDIX No. 65.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
July 17th, 1856. }

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred a resolution relative to widening the Township Line Road or Wissahickon street, from Nicetown lane to Carpenter street, in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Wards, to fifty feet,

respectfully report in favor of the object therein referred to, and offer the following Resolutions.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
JOSEPH GEISS,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be, and they are hereby directed to prepare a plan of the Township line road or Wissahickon street, from Nicetown lane to Carpenter street, in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Wards, the width of said street to be fixed at fifty feet, the increase of width to be taken equally from each side; and further,

Resolved, That the width of the footways on the north-west and south-west sides of Wayne street, as laid out upon the confirmed plan of the late borough of Germantown, be fixed at twenty feet.

APPENDIX No. 66.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Printing and Stationery beg leave to report, that in compliance with the 26th Section of the recent Supplement to the Act of Consolidation, which reads as follows:—"That hereafter, all goods, merchandise, and other articles of any kind, and labor and service, required for the City of Philadelphia in any Department thereof, shall be purchased or contracted for only in such manner as shall be prescribed by Ordinance, and for that purpose the Councils of said City are hereby required to direct by Ordinance, manner and time of making the yearly estimates by the several Departments of said City; and of receiving sealed proposals for such supplies as

aforesaid, which proposals shall be preceded by advertisement, and no contract shall be awarded to any but the lowest bidder, who shall give the requisite security therefor."

Therefore your Committee submit the following annexed Ordinance for your consideration, and ask its passage, believing it to be the only fair and equitable mode for the City to procure the public Printing and Stationery, and that an annual saving to the City of several thousands of dollars will be effected thereby, as the appropriations for Printing and Stationery exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars per annum.

ANDREW J. HOLMAN, *Chairman*,
JAMES HARPER,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
W. S. WINSHIP,
WILLIAM HORROCKS,
M. C. BROWN.

July 24, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

Directing the manner of procuring the Printing, Binding, and Stationery, for the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That upon the passage of this Ordinance, and in the month of June annually hereafter, the Clerks of each Council and the Heads of the various Departments, shall advertise for three weeks in three daily newspapers published in the City of Philadelphia, for sealed proposals for supplying respectively, the Select and Common Councils, and the various Departments of the City with the necessary Printing, Binding, Blank Forms, Books and Stationery, for each Council and Department, which advertisement shall describe the kind of Printing, Binding, Blank Forms, Books and Stationery; the quality of the paper required, as near as may be, in the execution of the work; and the proposals received shall divide and classify the Printing, Binding, &c., as follows:—

- 1st. Printing, furnishing the paper, and binding the Journal, and Bills of Select Council.
- 2d. Printing, furnishing the paper, and binding the Journal and Bills of Common Council.
- 3d. Printing, furnishing the paper, and binding the Appendix, and Ordinances, Documents, Reports, Blank Books, Notices, and Stationery, for the Select and Common Councils.
- 4th. Printing, Binding, Blank Books, Blanks, and Stationery, for the use of the Departments of Highways, Water, Police, and City Property.
- 5th. Printing, Binding, Blanks, Blank Books, Stationery, Assessors' Lists, and Sheriff's Proclamations, for the use of the City Commissioners.
- 6th. Printing, Binding, Blanks, Blank Books, and Stationery, for the use of the City Treasury, Receiver of Taxes, Law and Controllers Departments.

Each class to be provided for by separate contract. And the Clerks of Councils, and the Heads of the Departments aforesaid, shall provide suitable samples of the Printing, Binding, Blank Forms, Books and Stationery required, and of the paper and books of which the same are to be executed, to be kept in their respective offices, at least twenty days before the time of receiving proposals shall expire, open to the inspection of all persons desiring to make proposals for the Printing, Binding, Blank Forms, Books, and Stationery aforesaid, notice whereof shall be contained in said advertisement.

SEC. 2. That at a stated meeting in August next, and at the third stated meeting in July, annually thereafter, the Select and Common Councils shall meet in Convention, and the President thereof, shall open the said proposals for executing the Printing, Binding and Stationery for Councils and the Departments aforesaid, for one year. The proposals shall specify the rate per thousand ems for composition, the rate per token for presswork, and the rate per copy for the Journals, Appendix, Ordinances, &c., and the

rate per page for Bills and Resolutions, (including paper, presswork, and folding, each full page to contain not less than thirty lines of pica, exclusive of blank lines, and for blanks the rate per ream or quire, the rate for blank books per quire, the rate per ream for Note and Writing paper, the rate as per samples for Stationery, &c). Which proposals shall be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Printing, Binding and Stationery," to be accompanied with the names of their securities, and shall be directed to said Presidents, and delivered to one or both of them, to be opened and announced in presence of said Convention as aforesaid, and not otherwise.

And the President shall immediately award each class of Printing, Binding, and Stationery to the lowest bidder, who shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his practical skill and his ability to do the work, and who shall offer good and sufficient security for the faithful execution of the contracts undertaken by him.

And thereupon the Presidents shall proceed to take bonds, with good and sufficient security for the faithful performance of the contracts.

SEC. 3. That a Committee consisting of five members of Select Council, and five members of Common Council, shall be appointed by their respective Chambers, which shall constitute a Committee on Printing and Stationery, which shall have power to adopt such measures as may be deemed necessary to remedy any neglect or delay on the part of the contractor to execute the work ordered by Councils or the Departments, and to make a pro rata reduction in the compensation allowed, or to refuse the work altogether, should it be inferior to the standard; and in all cases the contractor and his securities shall be responsible for any increased expenditure consequent upon the non-performance of the contract.

The Committee shall examine all accounts for Printing, Binding, and Stationery, and report to Councils, if necessary; but no bill shall be acted upon for work that is not actually executed and delivered, and which

they may require to be properly examined and authenticated.

SEC. 4. That so much of any Ordinance or Resolution which is inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 67.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the President and Members of the Common Council.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claims of F. W. Firth, Edward C. Dale, and A. J. Pleasanton, surviving executors of the estate of Joseph Dugan, dec'd, and also Barnes and Strang, beg leave to report adverse to the payment of said claims, and offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL MECUTCHEN,
CHARLES P. ISEMINER,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
S. STEVENSON,
THOMAS MARSH.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 68.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the claims of Joshua Spering, J. B. & A. S. Allen, Henry D. Lentz & Co., and Robert McCally, report favorably to the payment of said claim, with an Ordinance annexed for the payment of the same.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
RICHARD PARKER,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
THOMAS MARSH,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

July 17, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Six hundred and forty-four dollars and sixty-three cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the following claims and demands on the Corporation, namely,

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| 1. To Joshua Spering, for conveyancing, | \$127 00 |
| 2. To J. B. A. & S. Allen, for oil, | 91 38 |
| 3. H. D. Lentz & Co., for coal, | 406 25 |
| 4. Robert McCally, Policeman, | 20 00 |

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation, Item No. 1, shall be drawn by the City Solicitor, for items Nos. 2 and 3, by the City Commissioners, and for item No. 4, by the Mayor.

APPENDIX No. 69.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Resolution from Select Council, approving of the sureties of Eugene Ahern, Commissioner of City Property, respectfully report, That they have examined into the sufficiency of said securities, to wit: Daniel McCarthy and James Martin; also, that the Committee have had under consideration the Resolution from Select Council, approving of the sureties offered by the Regulators and Surveyors of the Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, and Twelfth Districts, and that this Committee have examined into the sufficiency of said securities, to wit:—

Seventh District—Surveyor and Regulator—Henry Haines. Securities, Benjamin Albertson, Lindley Haines.

Ninth District—Surveyor and Regulator, Jesse Lightfoot. Securities, Coffin Colket, Enos Reeder.

Twelfth District—Surveyor and Regulator, James Miller. Securities, Andrew Miller, Benjamin Sage.

Tenth District—Surveyor and Regulator, Isaac Shallcross. Securities, Leonard Shallcross, Peter Carter.

And recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the above securities of Eugene Ahern, Commissioner of City Property, and the securities of Benjamin Haines, Jesse Lightfoot, Isaac Shallcross, and James Miller, Surveyors and Regulators, be accepted, and that the City Solicitor be re-

requested to secure the proper bonds and have the same entered on record.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER.
ROBERT KERSHAW,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 70.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the petition of certain Omnibus proprietors, asking a reduction in the charge for licenses, from fifteen to seven and half dollars, respectfully report, That they have had the subject under consideration, and deem it inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners. They report the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER.
ROBERT KERSHAW.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 71.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 10th inst., a communication from William Saffin, Keeper of the Debtors' Apartment, asking an appropriation for repairs, &c., respectfully report, That while the Committee had the subject under consideration, the bill on file No. 14, was called up on the 17th inst., and passed by Common Council, containing the appropriation asked for. Your Committee offer the following Resolution and ask its adoption :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 72.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a communication from the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, asking an appropriation of \$14,272 10, respectfully report, That there is no fund against which the appropriation asked for is properly chargeable. Your Committee offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 73.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application from the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools, for an appropriation to pay for certain heating apparatus, respectfully report, That they have had the subject under consideration, and find the facts to be as follows:—On the 29th of May, 1855, a contract was entered into between the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools, and Morris, Tasker & Morris, for certain hot water heating apparatus, for the Hancock and James Pollock School Houses, which apparatus was erected during the summer vacation of the Schools, in 1855. The conditions of the contract were, that Morris, Tasker & Morris should receive \$4,035 for the work, “allowing until the 15th of January, 1856, for the testing of the apparatus, at which time, if found satisfactory, the same to be paid for.”

Your Committee are of opinion that this whole transaction has been irregular, and calls for, in some way, the censure of Councils. They have arrived at this conclusion for the following reasons:—By the 39th section of the Act of Consolidation, it is made the duty of the Board of Controllers, “To furnish the City Councils, on or before the first day of March in

every year, an estimate of the amount that in their judgment will be necessary for the support of Public Schools, for the current year." According to the contract with Morris, Tasker & Morris, the work in question was agreed to be paid for on the 15th of January, 1856. The Board of Controllers being aware of this fact, it became their duty to include the amount in their annual estimates for the "current year," having between the 15th of January and 1st of March, abundant time to do so.

By the 20th Section of the Supplement to the Act Consolidating the City, passed April 21st, 1855, it is provided, "That no contract shall be made by the Head of any Department, for work or materials, for the City, unless for objects authorized by Councils, and if for new work, the contract and sureties be approved by the City Solicitor and Councils, and the supervision of Councils shall extend to adjudge the character of all work and materials done and furnished for the City, and to the scrutiny of the accounts and vouchers therefor."

It appears to your Committee that the requirements of the Acts of Assembly quoted above, have been entirely neglected and disregarded by the Board of Controllers. It is of vital importance to the interests and good government of the City, that every Department should be confined within the limits of the annual appropriation allotted to it, and that strict obedience should be paid to the Act of Assembly, which forbids contracts to be made by any Department, unless for objects authorized by Councils.

The citizens of Philadelphia are anxiously looking to Councils for certain salutary reforms. There can be no measure of reform of greater importance than that of enforcing on all the Departments a strict compliance with the above Acts of Assembly. Without this, there can be no certain or successful arrangement of the financial affairs of the City. If the different Departments are allowed to make contracts, or to disburse large sums of money, without the knowledge or

consent of Councils—or if, after the annual estimates are sent in, the taxes so laid, and the income so arranged, as to meet the amounts asked for, continual applications are made and granted, for additional appropriations, it must necessarily tend to the confusion and derangement of the finances, and place the City in that disreputable, if not dishonest, position of her expenses exceeding her income, forcing her to borrow money to pay current expenses, or else compelling her to put off the payment of her just debts, continuing that disgraceful state of affairs, now and for some time back in existence, in which the City is daily sued before the Magistrates in petty sums justly due, the Solicitor and Treasury daily called on to defend these suits and enter security for stay of execution; a state of things that your Committee believe, in a very great measure, flows, and will continue to flow, from a neglect of the sound and wise laws before referred to.

Your Committee are of opinion that the success of the financial arrangements for the present year, and the accomplishment of that great desideratum of keeping the expenses of the City within its income, requires great caution in granting new appropriations, and that they should, except in urgent cases, be withheld until the amount asked for be placed in the annual Estimates and General Appropriation Bill for 1857.

Your Committee regret that the respectable firm of Morris, Tasker & Morris should be deprived for a moment of their claim; they are also willing to concede to the apparatus erected by them, all the usefulness and utility claimed for it, but a stern sense of duty to the City constrains your Committee to recommend that the application of the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools for an appropriation of \$4035 be not granted; the whole amount of the School Tax for 1856 having been already appropriated, and there being no fund against which this sum is properly chargeable.

Your Committee respectfully report the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 74.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Gas Works, to whom has been referred the following Resolution from Select Council, namely,

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That his Honor, the Mayor, be requested to return the bill entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to provide for lighting the lamps," approved December 30th, 1854, to Councils: beg leave respectfully to advise Common Council not to concur in the same.

PIERCE BUTLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
JOHN PORTER,
ABM. BAKER,
DANIEL MCCLEARY.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 75.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The members of the Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the accompanying petition of Wm. Duncan, asking a reduction in his bill for paving and

curbing footways, in Seventh street below Poplar, respectfully report the same back to Council, with the opinion that the Committee have no jurisdiction over the matter.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
ALFRED CREASE.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 76.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom were referred various petitions for paving streets, have had the same under consideration, and report the following Resolution, with the recommendation that it be adopted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
J. G. SORVER,
ALFRED CREASE.

July 24, 1856.

A RESOLUTION

To authorize the Paving of certain streets in the First and Sixteenth Wards.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, That the owners of property, or a majority of them, fronting upon the following named streets, viz.:

Leopard street, from Franklin Avenue to Otter street, in the Sixteenth Ward; Morris street, from Sixth to Tenth streets; Fifth street, from the line of the Delaware and Schuylkill Canal, southward to Moyamensing Road; Jarvis street, from Jefferson Avenue to Fourth street; Lewis street, from Sixth to Seventh street, in the First Ward:—be authorized to

contract for and proceed with the paving of the said streets, respectively; the said paving to be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways &c., and the contractors doing the same shall enter into an obligation to keep the said streets in good repair for one year after the said paving is finished.

Provided, That the City shall be at no expense for the said paving, except for the intersections; and the water pipe shall be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

APPENDIX No. 77.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON^{CE} HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The members of the Committee on Highways from Common Council, to whom was referred the accompanying Resolution from Select Council, respectfully report, That they have had the said Resolution under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the same, with the following amendment:

Strike out Broad, and insert "Eighteenth" street, so that the same shall read, "Bedford street, from Eighteenth to Twentieth."

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
THOMAS POTTER,
ALFRED CREASE,
WM. ELLIOTT.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 78.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways of Common Council have had under consideration the within Ordinance,

providing for the construction of a Culvert on Twelfth street, between Washington and Wallace streets, in the Fourteenth Ward, and report the same without amendment, and recommend its adoption.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
 THOMAS POTTER,
 WM. ELLIOTT,
 J. G. SORVER,
 THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
 ALFRED CREASE.

July 24, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property situate on Twelfth street, between Washington and Wallace streets, are hereby authorized to construct a Culvert, to commence at and intersect the culvert at Washington and Twelfth streets; to extend northward along Twelfth street to the south side of Wallace street; to be of such form and dimensions as the Board of Commissioners of Highways and the Board of Surveyors may prescribe; and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City: *Provided*, Before the said Culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant to build it at their own expense, and upon its completion to restore the pavement of the street to its present condition.

SEC. 2. The said culvert, when completed, shall become the property of the Corporation without condition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted to any person to make any drain thereto, except persons who may have contributed to the expense of the construction thereof, before he or she shall have paid to the parties so contributing a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said culvert: *Provided*, A statement of the actual cost of such culvert shall have been filed in the office of the Department of Highways.

APPENDIX No. 79.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings respectfully offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be and he is hereby authorized to have Pine Street Dock, on the Delaware, cleaned, under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves, and Landings.

WILLIAM M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMACKIN,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
ALEX. MARTIN.

July 24, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 80.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, That they have inquired into the sufficiency of the sureties of certain Supervisors, offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the sureties of the Supervisors hereinafter named be, and the same are hereby approved, and the City Solicitor directed to prepare the bonds and have the same entered on record.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

August 7, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Supervisors appointed for the following Wards, tender the names of the undersigned as their sureties :

First Ward—Supervisors, John Hassen, John Layer; Sureties, Wm. M. Reilly, Thomas Corgie, Wm. M. Reilly, Thomas Corger.

Second Ward—Thomas Farley; Sureties, Thomas Daly, Wm. T. Lafferty.

Third and Fourth Wards—Harrison V. Gaylord; Sureties, Joseph W. Fletcher, William McGlency.

Fifth and Sixth Wards—John Kelsh; Sureties, John Kelsh, John C. Kirkpatrick.

Ninth and Tenth Wards—James Elliott; Sureties, William Denny, John Henderson.

Eleventh and Twelfth Wards—David McVeigh; Sureties, Wm. T. Kennedy, H. H. Overbeck.

Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards—Wm. H. Boyce; Sureties, John Gravel, John Kellar.

Fifteenth Ward—Thomas Lainly; Sureties, Wm. Sweeney, Dennis Sweeney.

Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards—John Cummings; Sureties, Wm. O. Kline, Thomas Gorgaty.

Eighteenth Ward—Joseph Ritterson; Sureties, Adam Rickard, Edward H. Thomas.

Twentieth Ward—Patrick McIntee, W. L. Harney; Sureties, Lawrence Cummings, Michael Barry, Marcus Feltos, Thomas Doyle.

Twenty-first Ward—Mich. Righter, Patrick Burns; Sureties, Henry Righter, Henry Root, Thomas Drennan, Andrew McDonald.

Twenty-third Ward—Wm. Youngker, Wm. Engard, Jacob Riglar, jr.; Sureties, Wm. Boileau, Adolphus Serkes, William Keyser, Thomas D. Groves, Wm. McCormick, R. L. Wright.

Twenty-fourth Ward—Wilson Hansell, Silas Suplee, James M. Urian; Sureties, Peter Hansell, Wm. P. Hansell, Jesse T. Vodges, Wm. Davis, Henry S. Urian, Isaac Leech.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN McCARTHY.

APPENDIX No. 81.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for an appropriation of \$19,860, respectfully report, That in the general Appropriation Bill for the year 1856, there was appropriated to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, in the item "For out-door relief, including Salaries of Officers connected therewith," \$53,950, which sum was considered by the late Councils, after mature deliberation, to be amply sufficient for the purposes of that item for the entire year of 1856; and which, together with the amounts appropriated to that Department in the other items, composed the whole amount of the poor tax levied for the year.

The Board of Guardians of the Poor now apply to Councils for an additional appropriation of \$19,860, and in the application state, "That this Board have learned that to July the 7th, 1856, bills have been passed on account of the item for out-door relief, including salaries of officers connected therewith, amounting to \$54,754 57," showing that the amount appropriated by Councils to this item for the entire year, was not only exhausted in six months and seven days, but that the Board had actually "passed bills" for \$804 57, in excess of the appropriation.

Your Committee cannot refrain from expressing their astonishment at this state of things, and also the opinion, that to precisely such modes of conducting the public affairs by different departments, are the citizens of Philadelphia, in a very great measure, indebted for the present high rate of taxation and the disorganized and disgraceful state of the City finances.

It seems to your Committee, that if such a course of action can be allowed or sustained, there is little use for all the checks and guards provided in the different

Acts of Assembly and Ordinances applicable to the subject, and for all practical purposes these might as well be erased from the Statute Book.

In the opinion of your Committee, the late Board of Guardians of the Poor, under whose administration these things occurred, and whose term of office expired on the 7th of July, were neglectful of the interests of the City, and the common and ordinary rules of business transactions that in private life would render any one so acting liable to the severest animadversion, an observance of the simplest of these rules, would have caused the Board—knowing that there was a certain sum to expend in a given time, to have parceled it out to the different months or seasons of the year, placing to the credit of each month its proper proportion—having of course a due regard to the greater demand of one season over the other; but to expend the appropriation for the whole year in six months, leaving the item utterly destitute for the remainder of the year, was a careless mode of doing business that cannot be justified.

If such a system as this is to prevail in the different Departments, or if such uncalculated and unexpected drafts on the Treasury are to be continually made for expenditures not anticipated at the time of the annual arrangement of revenue and expenses of the City, it will be in vain to attempt to bring the finances into any decent order.

The Board of Guardians of the Poor ask for an appropriation for the item referred to of \$19,860. One of two things is evident, either this is to be followed up by further applications—or if it is intended to be sufficient for the present half year, it places in bold relief the fact of a most extraordinary expenditure in the first half of the year.

If the appropriation asked for be made, there are no funds in the Treasury to meet it; the effect must necessarily be to swell the already large amount of warrants and evidences of City debt floating about unpaid in every direction, to the disgrace of the City.

Your Committee are of the opinion that these facts, and all others of a similar nature, should be laid plainly and distinctly before the people, that they may see where the faults lay and apply the corrective. Such a course will doubtless bring to the aid of Councils a sound and wholesome public opinion in all efforts made to check these monstrous irregularities and abuses in future. As an effectual mode of accomplishing this desirable end, as well as for the reasons before stated, your Committee recommend that the application of the Board of Guardians of the Poor for an appropriation of \$19,860 be not granted, respectfully report the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

THOMAS CRAVEN,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

August 7, 1856.

ABM. BAKER,

APPENDIX No. 82.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves, and Landings, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Vandusen, respectfully report, That they have examined the matter, and would recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be authorized to transfer the lease of the late Matthew Vandusen with the City of Philadelphia, for Hanover street Landing, to Messrs. Byerly & Lynn, they giving approved security for the same.

WILLIAM M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,

WILLIAM C. KELLY,

JOHN McMACKIN,

August 7, 1856.

FRANCIS McMANUS.

APPENDIX No. 83.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance of Common Council report, That they have inquired into the sufficiency of the Sureties offered by Wm. V. McKean, Register in the Water Department, viz.: Arthur Hughes and Geo. W. Nebinger, and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Sureties of Wm. V. McKean, viz.: Arthur Hughes and Geo. W. Nebinger, be approved, and the Solicitors directed to prepare the necessary Bonds, and have the same entered on Record.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

August 14, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 84.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance of Common Council, to whom was referred an Ordinance read in place, to make an appropriation for the payment to William Rice, proprietor of The Pennsylvanian newspaper, of \$639, for publishing the extra assessment list of 1855, respectfully report, That they have carefully considered the subject, the circumstances of which are as follows:

In October, 1855, the Department of City Commissioners, without any authority of law, acting entirely on their own motion, procured to be published in three daily newspapers, viz.: the Pennsylvanian, Evening Bulletin, and Daily Sun, the extra assessment list for 1855. The bills rendered for these advertisements are \$639 each, making a total of \$1917. One of these

bills, that of William Rice, has been referred to your Committee, in the shape of an Ordinance, read in place, to make an appropriation for its payment.

In the opinion of your Committee, there is a highly important principle involved in this matter, the neglect of which has heretofore led to much abuse—to heavy and unjust drafts on the City Treasury,—a principle that your Committee recommend Councils to establish and adhere to in future, that hereafter they will recognize or pay no debt contracted without the sanction or authority of law, by any of the Departments or employees of the city. If a different course were suffered to prevail, if the Departments, without any authority of law, are allowed to incur debts, and send the claimants into Councils to operate on the sympathies of members for the purpose of procuring payment of them, it will be, as it has heretofore been, attended with incalculable mischief and large drains on the Treasury.

It is evident that there is no legal or moral obligation to pay any such claims; on the contrary, it is a question whether Councils acting for their constituents, the citizens of Philadelphia, have the legal or moral right to appropriate their money for the payment of debts contracted, not only without authority, but in clear violation of the spirit and meaning of the law.

It is argued that it is a hard case when persons have rendered service to the City that they should not be paid. Your Committee concede this, and regret that it should be so; but it is in a great measure their own fault; before contracting with any one on account of the City, they should, in their own defence, first ascertain if those they contract with have the power to make the contract and bind the City for payment. This is nothing more than an every day affair among business men; no prudent merchant sells his merchandise to another through a third party, without first satisfying himself that the third party has the authority to make the purchase, and binds his principal for the payment of the bill.

If the parties having claims of the character referred

to, should consider themselves aggrieved by any action of Councils, the courts of justice are open to them, where, if their claims are just, they can be recovered.

These are some of the reasons that influence your Committee in the course they are about to recommend, which they believe covers the whole ground, and are sufficient for all claims of this character. The particular case before them, however, is peculiar, and the views taken by your Committee, greatly strengthened by the fact of the following notice, (a copy of which is on record at the Controller's Office,) having been officially served on the City Commissioners when it was known that they were about to publish the list referred to, viz.:

PHILADELPHIA, September 29, 1855.

To Messrs. Allen, Smith, and Much:

GENTLEMEN:—I am instructed by the Finance Committee to inform you that on account of the present state of finances, and in the absence of authority, you are requested not to publish the Extra Assessment, and if such publication is made, the expense of the same will not be paid for by the City of Philadelphia.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN N. HENDERSON,
City Controller.

Under all these circumstances, your Committee have no hesitation in recommending that the Ordinance to make an appropriation of \$639 for the payment of William Rice, be not passed. They therefore report the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ABM. BAKER,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

August 14, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 85.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance of Common Council have had under consideration the adoption of some better mode of making out the Tax Duplicates, and of proper preservation of the same, and after a careful investigation of matters connected therewith, beg leave to make the following report:

That they believe gross injustice has been perpetrated by many officers under the City government, which needs correction, and without intending to convey the idea that the Department of City Commissioners would knowingly commit any act with a view to defraud the City, still they do insist that proper economy has not been used, and they, the Commissioners, fall back upon precedent to justify their proceedings. Your Committee, therefore, deem it proper to point out avenues through which abuses can be resorted to, with a view to correct them. The Act of Consolidation gives the power to the City Councils to control each Department; it therefore becomes their duty to enact salutary laws for their government, and insist upon their enforcement. The City Commissioners are gentlemen elected by the people to conduct the business of one of the Departments, with definite duties, but at the same time they are under the control or should be amenable to Councils; taking this for granted, your Committee would call attention to the fact, that the Commissioners have been in the habit (without any question as to their right to do so) of giving out the tax books to parties hanging about offices of this description, without any reference to their qualification to perform the duties devolving upon them, consequently the work, in many cases, is done in a blundering manner, and your Committee are sorry to reiterate, without any reference to economy. The Finance Committee of the late Councils reported a bill appropriating six thousand dollars to defray the

expenses of duplicating and indexing these books, which was ample, indeed liberal, and no excuse can be tolerated for exceeding that amount; but what is the state of the case? The whole amount has been expended, and they are now asking you to make an additional appropriation of five thousand five or six hundred dollars more.

Your Committee would also call the attention of Common Council to another matter connected with this Department that needs correction immediately. Tax payers are in the habit of congregating in the Commissioners' Office about the time the Assessors return the books, and take them down from the shelves from time to time, without being under the eye of any officer of the Department, subject, as a matter of course, to be altered and obliterated as they in their cupidity may resort to; and with a view to correct these abuses, your Committee have with care prepared an Ordinance hereunto annexed, which they submit to your scrutiny, and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOS. CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

August 14, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

For the better preservation of the Records in the Office of the City Commissioners, and to limit the expenses of making out Tax Duplicates, and to make an appropriation for the same.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That no books of assessment, or other records, shall be removed from the Office of the City Commissioners, for the purpose of making out tax duplicates; and no such books or records shall be used or inspected in said office by others than those therein employed, except in the presence of one of the City Commissioners, or a clerk in said office.

SECTION 2. All clerks to make out tax duplicates in

the City of Philadelphia, shall be nominated by the City Commissioners and approved by Select Council. Said clerks shall make out said tax duplicates, including indexes, calculations, and all other matters necessary to complete the same within forty-five days from the time of said approval.

SEC. 3. The compensation to be allowed, or paid, for making out said tax duplicates, including indexes, calculations, and all other matters necessary to complete the same, shall not exceed for the respective Wards, the sums hereinafter mentioned, to wit :

For the First Ward, two hundred dollars.

For the Second Ward, one hundred and ninety dollars.

For the Third Ward, one hundred and twenty-eight dollars.

For the Fourth Ward, one hundred and sixty-two dollars.

For the Fifth Ward, one hundred and ten dollars.

For the Sixth Ward, one hundred and sixty-three dollars.

For the Seventh Ward, one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For the Eighth Ward, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For the Ninth Ward, one hundred and twenty-eight dollars.

For the Tenth Ward, one hundred and sixty dollars.

For the Eleventh Ward, one hundred dollars.

For the Twelfth Ward, one hundred and fifteen dollars.

For the Thirteenth Ward, one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For the Fourteenth Ward, one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For the Fifteenth Ward, one hundred and twenty dollars.

For the Sixteenth Ward, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For the Seventeenth Ward, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For the Eighteenth Ward, one hundred and thirty-five dollars.

For the Nineteenth Ward, one hundred and seventy dollars.

For the Twentieth Ward, one hundred and thirty-five dollars.

For the Twenty-first Ward, one hundred and thirty-five dollars.

For the Twenty-second Ward, one hundred and fifty-six dollars.

For the Twenty-third Ward, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For the Twenty-fourth Ward, one hundred and fifty-six dollars.

SEC. 4. That the sum of four thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the following purposes, to wit:

To pay the respective compensations mentioned in the third section of this Ordinance, for making out said tax duplicates, indexes, calculations, and other matters necessary to complete the same for the year 1856, three thousand, six hundred and sixty-three dollars.

To pay the expenses of books and stationery incident to the making out said tax duplicates, indexes, calculations, and other matters necessary to complete the same for the year 1856, three hundred and thirty-seven dollars.

SEC. 5. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriations shall be drawn by the City Commissioners.

APPENDIX No. 86.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Water Works beg leave to report, That in company with the Chief Engineer they

visited the Dam, at Fairmount, and received from him a full description of the repairs needed, as stated in his communication to Councils, of August 7, 1856, which was referred to the Committee. The eastern portion of the Dam has settled, and the stones originally employed in what is termed "rip rapping," at that point being too small, are washed out from time to time, until a large mass of them have already accumulated in the river.

Repairs are also needed to the ice breaker, and the Dam requires sheathing. The Committee are of opinion, that the repairs recommended by the Chief Engineer should at once be commenced, as further delay might result in more serious injury, and the low stage of the water is favorable to the prosecution of the work, which should be completed before winter. The estimate made by the Chief Engineer for that purpose, is \$5,000, and the Committee report an Ordinance appropriating that amount for the repairs thus indicated.

WM. HORROCKS, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
THOMAS MARSH,
CHARLES E. LEX.

Aug. 14, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with Water, for repairs to the Dam at Fairmount.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for repairs to the Dam at Fairmount, to be expended under the superintendence and direction of the Chief Engineer of the Water Works.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Water Works.

DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER. }
 August 7th, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—It is my duty to communicate to Councils a statement in regard to the recent and the present condition of the Delaware Works.

On the 21st of July, complaints of the impure character of the water supplied from that source, induced a close examination of the basins: the dock on the north line of the works owned by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and the trunk through which the water is conveyed from the river to the pumps. They were all found to be in bad condition. The dock is resorted to by the fishermen of the vicinity as a depot for cleaning and preparing their fish for market, and the offal thrown overboard by them had, with other filthy sediment, accumulated to the depth of several feet, which has been cleaned by order of the Board of Health. The wooden trunk along which the water is drawn, passes across a sluice leading from this dock, and at the point of junction the trunk was found to be so defective and leaky as to give free access to the water from the sluice. The water in the basins was found to be so foul that any further use of it would have seriously threatened the public health. On this point, I submit a note from Professor Booth, of which the following is a copy:

PHILADELPHIA, July 29, 1856.

Dear Sir,—The water from the Kensington Water Works, abounding with scum and sediment, is so foul from putrifying organic matter, apparently of animal origin, that a chemical examination of it would be useless.

I would not be willing personally to use the water from which the sample was drawn, nor even water which had a remote connection with it, believing it to be injurious to health.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES C. BOOTH.

To Mr. Ogden, Superintendent of Water Works,
 Philadelphia.

The facts thus developed made it necessary to suspend temporarily the use of the Delaware Works, for the purpose of thoroughly cleansing the basins. It was clear that this was the only efficient remedy. Accordingly on the 22d day of July the water was drawn off; a competent body of men was set to work, and by their labors continued night and day, the south basin was thoroughly cleansed. Two large leaks in its southern bank were substantially repaired, and the works made ready for the use of the City by the 28th of July. During the operation of cleaning out this basin, about two thousand yards of sedimentary deposit, composed largely of putrid organic matter, were removed. The leaks in the trunk at the river have been stopped, and it has been made as effective as its faulty character will admit. Heretofore the mouth of the distributing main has been on a level with the bottom of the reservoir. This error of construction has been corrected, by raising walls which lift the mouth of the main several feet, so as to leave it as free as possible from the impurities which always settle towards the bottom of a body of water.

The total expense attending the cleansing of the south basin, with the repairs, will not exceed five hundred dollars. The work on the north basin will cost still less, as it is effected without resorting to night work, which is expensive. Since this general overhauling of the Delaware Works, they are in very fair order, and the water now supplied from them is believed to be as pure as can be had from that source.

The condition of that "part of the Fairmount Dam, near the eastern stone pier where the water is deepest," has been several times brought to the attention of Councils, by my predecessor, and more recently in a communication dated 10th of July last. Since that time I have made examination of the dam, and particularly at the point indicated, and although there is but little reason to apprehend immediate danger, I concur in opinion with Mr. Graff, that some precautionary measures should be adopted, to guard against the possibility of accident to that vital feature of the Fair-

mount Works. The work which at this time appears to be advisable, will include the sheathing of the dam up to its proper level, repairs to the ice-breaker, and "rip-rapping" with heavy stone in the deep water at the eastern end of the dam. This may all be done at an expense not exceeding five thousand dollars. I may suggest that the low stage of water at this period of the year, presents a favorable opportunity for the prosecution of the work.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

SAMUEL OGDEN,
Chief Engineer of Water Works.

APPENDIX No. 87.

REPORT OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on the Department of Police, to whom was referred a bill from Select Council, entitled an "Ordinance to effect uniformity in numbering houses," respectfully report, That they have given the matter their careful consideration, and believe that if the provisions of the bill be strictly carried into effect a very desirable reform in the system of numbering houses will result. They, therefore, respectfully report back the bill as committed, and ask its adoption.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
D. BEVAN,
WILLIAM DEAL,
CHARLES McNEAL,
G. W. SCHOFIELD,
ROBT. V. BARBER.

August 14, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To effect Uniformity in Numbering Houses.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That it shall be the

Numbers, properly arranged, suggest distances to the mind but improperly placed, they make confusion worse confounded.

duty of the Chief Commissioner of Highways, within six months after the passage of this Act, through the Supervisors, to furnish each owner or occupant of any house or property, situated upon any Street, Lane, or Alley, of the City of Philadelphia, a written copy of the correct number to which such house is entitled; and that each owner shall, within sixty days after such notice, cause a painted, carved or cast copy of such number to be placed in a conspicuous place upon such house or property, in a permanent and durable manner. And that such owner or occupant shall, for every neglect in having said house or property numbered, in the manner and within the time herein specified, forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be recoverable as debts of like amount are now recoverable by law, to be appropriated to the use of the City.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Lieutenants of the Police to report to the Police Magistrate of his Police District, all owners or occupants of property who shall have failed to comply with the requirements of Section first of this Ordinance, and it shall be the duty of the said Police Magistrate to collect the said sum of five dollars for each and every offence, and pay the same over to the City Treasurer, and make report to the City Controller, under oath or affirmation, weekly. He shall also be required, in case no collections are made in any one week, to file in the office of the City Controller, his oath or affirmation to the fact.

SECTION 3. The Chief Commissioner of Highways, in making out the proper numbers of said houses, shall be governed by the subjoined plan or diagram, that is, the initial or starting point shall be at Market Street and the river Delaware, respectively, allowing one hundred numbers to each square of 350 or more feet in length, and commencing with an even hundred at the commencement of each square as aforesaid, and in all respects adhering to the decimal system of enumeration. Also, in all streets running at right angles, but not extending to the initial points, the same order of enumeration shall be observed, as though such street did actually extend to such point. *Provided*, That the

Commissioner shall use his own judgment as to the time and system, when and how the houses situated within the First, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, shall be numbered, and that the penalty named in Section first shall not be exacted within the same.

SECTION 4. That hereafter no place or row of houses shall be designated by a distinct name or by a distinct numbering of the houses situated in such place or row.

SECTION 5. That so much of any former Ordinance or Ordinances, relating to the numbering of houses, as may be inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 88.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, respectfully report the accompanying Ordinance, making the annual appropriations for the year ending July 1st, 1856, to the Companies comprising the Fire Department at the time of the approval of the Ordinance making an appropriation to the Fire Department for the services of the same for the year 1856, and would urge its immediate adoption.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
JOHN WELSH,
CHARLES M. SLOCUM.

Aug. 14, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

Making appropriations to the Companies comprising the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That from the appro-

priation made to the Fire Department for the year 1856, there shall be appropriated to each of the following Companies, to wit:—

To the America, Fairmount, Franklin, Marion, Neptune, Pennsylvania, Perseverance, Philadelphia, Robert Morris, Southwark, Schuylkill, Shiffler, Taylor, Vigilant and Warren Hose Companies ;

The America, Columbia, Diligent, Delaware, Fairmount, Friendship, Franklin, Globe, Hope, Hand-in-Hand, Philadelphia, Reliance, United States, Western, Spring Garden and Independence Engine Companies ; the Empire and Protection Hook and Ladder Companies, each, the sum of four hundred dollars, being the amount of their annual appropriation for the year ending July, 1856.

To the Columbia of Germantown, Decatur of Frankford, Franklin of Germantown, Franklin of Frankford, Good Intent of Roxborough, Liberty of Holmesburg, Manayunk, Monroe, Washington of Germantown, Washington of Frankford, and Fellowship of Germantown, Engine Companies ;

The Germantown and Nicetown Hose Companies, the Excelsior, Mantua and Rescue Hook and Ladder Companies, each the sum of Two hundred dollars, being the amount of their annual appropriation for the year ending July, 1856.

To the Humane and United Hose Companies, each the sum of Three hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, being the amount of their appropriation for eleven months' services, ending July, 1856.

To the Humane and Vigilant Engine Companies, the sum of Three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents each, being the amount of their appropriation for ten months' services, ending July, 1856.

To the Good Intent and Mechanic Engine Companies, South Penn and William Penn Hose Companies, each the sum of two hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, being the amount of their appropriation for eight months' services, ending July, 1856.

To the Northern Liberty Engine Company, the sum

of three hundred dollars, being the amount of its appropriation for nine months' services, ending July, 1856.

To the Phoenix Hose Company, the sum of two hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, being the amount of its appropriation for eight months' services, ending July, 1856.

To the Union Hose Company, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, being the amount of its appropriation for five months' services, ending July, 1856.

To the Southwark and Good Will Engine Companies, United States, Niagara and Western Hose Companies, the sum of one hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents each, being the amount of their appropriation for four months' services, ending July, 1856.

SECTION 2. Warrants for said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, in manner and form, and with the regulations prescribed in existing Ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 89.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the communication from the Northern Liberty Hose Company, asking admission into the Fire Department, respectfully report, That they have had the same under consideration, and offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption, to wit:—

Resolved, That the services of the Northern Liberty Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
JOHN WELSH,
CHARLES M. SLOCUM.

Aug. 14, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 90.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, respectfully report, That they have no power to act in the matter of the petition of the citizens of the First and Second Wards, in reference to the Surveyor and Regulator of the District composed of those Wards, and respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

Aug. 14, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 91.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred a petition from owners of property on Second street, north of Arch, report the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Highway Department be, and it is hereby directed to so arrange the gutter stone on the west side of Second street, between Arch and Race streets, that the drainage from Newlin's Brewery may be divided, and flow toward Arch as well as Race street.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAM'L P. DUTTON.

Aug. 14, 1856.

PHILADELPHIA, July 19, 1856.

To Geo. Northrop, Esq., Chairman of Committee on Surveys, Common Council,

Dear Sir:—The petition of property holders on Second street, between Newlin's Brewery and Arch street, which was referred to the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, has received attention, and beg leave to state, that the summit of the street is so situated that by a very slight change in the position of the gutter stone, the drainage from the Brewery can be made to pass either to Arch or Race street. The old arrangement was such as to divide it, throwing a portion each way—this (by what authority I cannot ascertain) has been changed, so that the entire flow from the Brewery passes to Race street.

The water that passes from the Brewery is clean, and therefore is of value in preventing the gutters in that neighborhood—or on its line of flow rather, becoming foul. I would therefore deem it advisable that the gutter be reinstated, so that the flow shall pass each way—its cost will be a mere trifle, as a half hour's work of a couple of men would complete it.

I have called the attention of the Chief Commissioner of Highways to the matter, who will doubtless have it attended to, yet a Resolution of Councils would ensure it.

Very respectfully,
STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

APPENDIX No. 92.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The annexed petition having been disposed of, and a Resolution passed in conformity to the prayer thereof, the Committee offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAM'L P. DUTTON.

Aug. 14, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned owners of property in the Twenty-fourth Ward, respectfully petition your Honorable Body for the passage of a Resolution to authorize the "Chief Engineer and Surveyor," to proceed with the survey as directed in the eighteenth Section of the Supplement to the Act of Consolidation, approved the 13th day of May, A. D. 1856.

We are perfectly willing that a proviso shall be inserted in the Resolution to the effect that the City shall incur no cost nor expense for making said survey.

We are anxious to proceed with buildings and other improvements of the grounds referred to in said Act, and cannot do so safely until the said survey is made.

Very Respectfully, &c. &c.,

J. D. JONES,
W. B. FOSTER, JR.,
JOHN C. KEFFER,
THOS. BIRCH,
THOS. J. BUTCHER.

APPENDIX No. 93.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of Charles E. Smith and Peter Kern, have considered

the matter, and offer the following Resolution, asking its adoption.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAM'L P. DUTTON.

Aug. 14, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Surveys be authorized and is hereby directed to reverse and adjust the grades upon Landing street, between Coates street and Landing Avenue, in such manner as to allow an additional elevation of not more than two feet upon the bridge over the dock, with the understanding that the City of Philadelphia shall be at no expense consequent thereon.

APPENDIX No. 94.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned Chief Commissioner of Highway Department, feels it incumbent upon him at this time, to present the annexed statement, showing the actual condition of the Finances of this Department as shown by the receipts for Warrants drawn up to July 16th last, at which time I entered upon the discharge of my duties. It will be seen that several of the items are very largely drawn upon; and the balance remaining but small, as compared with the amount of labor to be done, and materials furnished for the remainder of the year.

I would especially call your attention to Item 2, repairing street, Item 4, repairing road, Item 8, cleaning city, Item 9, cleaning unpaved streets, Item 16, print-

ing, stationery, &c., Item 18, Index boards, Item 19, office expenses.

In addition to the amount expended, as shown by warrants drawn, bills to a very large amount have been presented to this office, for labor done and materials furnished up to that time, and chargeable to the above items.

To that of Item No. 2, Repairing Streets, the bills already presented, and properly chargeable to it, amount in the aggregate to \$5,600, leaving a balance to the credit of that item, to meet the expenditures for the remaining portion of the year, of but \$30,740 04, being a fraction over one-third of the appropriation made for the entire year.

Some of the Items, it will be seen, are very largely drawn upon, and in two instances, entirely exhausted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McCARTHY,
Chief Commissioner of Highways.

ORDINANCE, MARCH, 1856.

ITEMS.	APPROPRIATION.	DRAWN.	UNDRAWN.
1 Paving Intersections, -	\$ 25,000 00	\$ 3,236 63	21,763 37
2 Repairing streets, -	90,000 00	54,037 96	35,962 04
3 Grading Roads, - -	30,000 00	12,025 90	17,974 10
4 Repairing roads, -	35,000 00	25,314 32	9,685 68
5 " footways, -	5,000 00	1,738 61	3,261 39
6 Culverts and inlets, -	15,000 00	6,775 78	8,224 22
7 Bridges, repairing,	15,000 00	4,311 82	10,688 18
8 Cleansing City, -	70,000 00	44,537 92	25,462 08
9 " unpaved sts.,	10,000 00	7,609 01	2,390 99
10 City Railroad, -	6,000 00	3,640 07	2,359 93
11 Pumps and Wells, -	2,500 00	1,538 67	961 33
12 Salaries H. W. Depart.	27,000 00	13,749 12	13,250 88
13 Girard av. 24th Ward, -	10,000 00	4,555 90	5,444 10
14 " 20th "	10,000 00	178 88	9,821 12
15 Bridge, Chestnut street,	5,000 00	None drawn.	5,000 00
16 Printing, Stationery, &c.,	1,200 00	1,031 54	168 46
17 Insurance on Bridges,	1,100 00	800 00	300 00
18 Index Boards, - -	200 00	200 00	
19 Office Expenses, -	1,000 00	1,001 96	
20 Incidentals, - - -	1,500 00	647 57	852 43
	\$360,500 00	\$186,931 66	\$173,570 30

APPENDIX No. 95.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, That they have inquired into the sufficiency of the sureties offered by the following Supervisors, to wit:

Seventh and Eighth Wards—Supervisor—Joseph M. Hale. Sureties—William Crawford, John Crawford.

Nineteenth Ward—Supervisor—Patrick O'Rourke. Sureties—Peter Smith, James Gordon.

Your Committee offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the above named sureties of Joseph M. Hale, viz.:—William Crawford and John Crawford, and Patrick O'Rourke, viz.:—Peter Smith and James Gordon, be accepted, and the Solicitor directed to secure the necessary bonds, and have the same entered on record.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

ABM. BAKER,

JOHN K. FINDLAY,

THOMAS CRAVEN.

August 21, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 96.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a letter from James Otterson, Esq., in reference to a judgment obtained against the City, for \$2,844 28, in favor of the estate of Joseph H. Amer, dec'd, report, That they have ascertained that it is a subject belonging exclusively to the Department of Gas, to which they have transferred it. They offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER.

Aug. 21, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 97.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the President and Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, for further aid in constructing the Road, respectfully report, That as a preliminary measure to taking the subject into consideration, and before any other action, it was considered necessary to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the power and authority of Councils to grant the aid asked for. This opinion was promptly furnished by the Solicitor and also sent by him into Councils, in advance of any action or report of your Committee. The Solicitor arrives at the conclusion that Councils do not possess the power referred to, which renders any further action by your Committee unnecessary, they therefore respectfully report the following Resolution, and ask its adoption :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
THOS. CRAVEN.

August 21, 1856.

OPINION

Of the City Solicitor on the proposition made to the Select and Common Councils, by the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, Aug. 2, 1856. }

I have been requested to give my opinion on the question contained in the following Resolution, prepared by the Committee on Finance: "*Resolved*, That the Chairman request the City Solicitor to ascertain whether the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company have authority to create such a mortgage as is proposed in their memorial, and whether the sale under such a mortgage would vest a perfect title in the purchaser."

The proposition referred to is set forth in the memorial in these terms: "As a means of raising the money, your memorialists submit that they can upon their own bonds, to mature in two years, obtain the use of the funds at fair rates, provided these bonds are secured in an adequate manner, and they therefore propose to your Honorable Bodies to place [that is, that Councils shall place] in the hands of Trustees of your own selection, *thirty thousand shares* of the Stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, to be held for the security of the bonds so to be issued by the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company; and that this Company execute a mortgage for the par value of said stock, either to the same Trustees or to the City direct, to secure a return of the same to the City at the maturity of said bonds."

On the second question contained in the Resolution, I observe that if the power to mortgage existed, a judicial sale under the mortgage would vest a perfect title in the purchaser. Such instruments have, within a few years, become common. In the cases which have heretofore occurred, they have been made under the authority of special Acts of Legislation, for the reason that the mortgagors generally own not the fee simple, but the right of way, and desire to mortgage

some species of personal property not allowed by the general law. The act of 18th April, 1853, imparts to this Company the only right it possesses to create a mortgage. It authorizes the Company "to borrow money and to issue their bonds (in sums of not less than one thousand dollars each) at such rates of interest and on such terms as may be determined by the Board of Managers, and to secure the payment of said bonds by executing and delivering to such trustee or trustees as they may select, a mortgage or mortgages of all or any part of their estate, real and personal rights, liberties and franchises." The substance is, that they may borrow money, issue bonds therefor, and create a mortgage to secure the payment of *said bonds*. This is plain language. By all the decisions, it must be literally construed, and the power it conveys strictly pursued. It contains no authority to create a mortgage to secure the loan of any thing but money. The mortgage now proposed should recite not a loan of money but of *Railroad Stocks*. This would be notice to every purchaser of the mortgaged premises that the Company had done what the Legislature never authorized; and although the distinction may appear slight in the eye of any but a lawyer, I am firmly of opinion that it would invalidate the whole proceeding, and that a sale under such a mortgage would convey no title.—It may be observed further, that the acceptance of such a mortgage would lead to novel consequences. If accepted, the City must necessarily be a purchaser at a sale made under it, or lose the whole of it. If the Road were purchased, the City ought to be able to run it, or be at the mercy of contractors and jobbers. We should thus have a corporation chartered for the purpose of opening and sweeping streets, lighting lamps, regulating matters of police, and performing other acts of a municipal character,—engaged in managing a railroad in a distant part of the State, or on the same principle, in a distant foreign state. Why may she not also start a line of steamers or speculate in Western lands?

The other question is one of even more importance.

In *Sharpless vs. The Mayor of Philadelphia*, 21 Penna. State Reports, 147, which involved the constitutionality of an Act of Assembly, authorizing municipal subscriptions to stock in a railroad, the Supreme Court pronounce it "beyond all comparison, the most important cause that has ever been in this Court since the formation of the government." The present question is not less so, for there an Act of Assembly authorized the subscription, and here it is proposed to attain the very same end without an Act. Stript of the words in which it has been clothed, the proposition now made is to pledge the personal property of the City of Philadelphia for a debt which a third party is about to create. Can she do so? I have considered this question with a care proportioned to the magnitude of the amount it involves.

The very best aspect in which the advocates of this measure can place it, is that of a new subscription of a *million and a half of dollars* to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company. It has all the consequences of such a subscription. If money is not actually advanced, its equivalent is. If not paid absolutely, it is placed where it may all be lost, for it is proposed to pledge the borrowed stock, where the creditors of the Company may sweep it off, and without this, the advance would be of no use. If this were the true view of the subject, the measure would be a legal one, for the first section of the Act of Assembly reviving the Company, authorizes municipal bodies to subscribe to its stock, and in the case of *Sharpless vs. The Mayor*, the Supreme Court pronounced such an Act constitutional. If therefore, the proposition came in this shape, it would simply present to Councils the question, whether in the present or any other financial condition of the City, an outlay of such an amount of property would be reasonable and right, and whether the present Councils would be justified in making it. But this is not the question. In the communication of the President of the Company, he says with entire candor, "I am not about to suggest a further subscription on the part of the City, for I do not believe

such a course politic in her present financial condition, but I propose a temporary loan of assets in the control of the City, upon security which will ensure its prompt return and save harmless under any circumstances the present investment." Stripping the proposition again of its mere phraseology, and of the favorable effects it is expected to produce and with which my department has nothing to do, it simply presents the question already indicated, whether the City of Philadelphia can pledge its personal property, with or without security, for a debt which another and entirely different corporation is about to create. It is not even the question whether she can pledge this property as it now stands for her own debt, but whether she can do it for a debt which she has not created, which she is to have no hand in creating, and which is properly the obligation of an entirely distinct and independent corporate body. It is not the question whether she can sell the property and then lend away the proceeds of it, or whether she can sell it and take as security a mortgage on which others are unwilling to lend money. These would make interesting subjects of discussion. But can she pledge it for a third party to secure a debt contracted or to be contracted in the manner I have stated?

Where is the authority? We have the right in a matter of such importance to ask for clear and unquestionable authority. If there is any one thing to be deduced from the scope of the transcendently able discussion to which Sharpless vs. The Mayor was subjected, it is that powers of this nature are to be strictly construed. In that case, the sole inquiry was, the constitutionality of the Act authorizing the subscription. It was never once hinted that without such an Act, such a subscription could be made by a municipal body; and since the decision of that case, you are perhaps aware that an Amendment to the State Constitution has been proposed, and passed by one Legislature, which takes away from the Legislature itself the right to pass such an Act,—a fair index of the professional and popular sentiment of the commu-

nity on the general subject. In *Brown vs. The County Commissioners of Philadelphia*, 21 Penna. State Reports, 40, we have direct authority on the point under discussion. "It is not pretended," say the Court, "and if it were, it could not be believed for a single moment, that the Commissioners of a County can pledge the property of their constituents for money to be invested in the stock of a Railroad Corporation, unless it be done in pursuance of some special Statute. The general law of the land forbids that money shall be borrowed on the faith of the County for such a purpose, or that public funds already in the treasury, shall be so appropriated." Where then is the special Statute thus setting aside the law of the land? I know of no Act, except that of February 10th, 1852, which provides "that it shall be competent for the corporate or constituted authorities of any municipal or other corporation, in the Commonwealth, to subscribe for shares in the capital stock in the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, and to borrow money therefor." For the purpose which it was intended to effect, this Act is plain and strong enough. Will it be pretended that on any principle of construction, strict or loose, this language authorizes a pledge? Does not the very memorial of the Company by repudiating all idea of a new subscription and asking for a pledge, recognize in unmistakable terms the difference between the two things? That difference is well founded. A subscription to the stock of such a Company creates only a conditional obligation. The act of the Company may relieve a subscriber. A material alteration in its charter or a wilful breach of its privileges on the part of the corporation may discharge him. On the other hand, the hypothecation of property which is here asked is an absolute contract. The City places it at once beyond its own control. The lenders of money to the Company obtain a firm legal hold of it. If it were not so, the whole arrangement would end in nothing, for no money would be lent.

It is urged that such an arrangement would benefit

the City by affording in the end security for the large amount heretofore invested in this Company and now believed to be worthless. Whether this result would follow, I am unable and unauthorized to predict; but if mere pecuniary benefit were the test of her corporate power, she might have ample scope for investment. Why not advance on merchandize, on receiving the security into her own hands, and thus turn commission merchant? Why not purchase stocks and turn broker? Why not in times of pressure assist her banks and thus preserve commercial credit? Why not turn benefactor in general and lend her property to the merchant who may fall into embarrassment? In a word, once open the door to this principle, and who shall set bounds to its operation? The answer to the whole doctrine is—what everybody has seen and what nobody ought to be required to prove,—that however much such expedients may benefit herself or may benefit others, she never was incorporated for any such purposes, and that without express authority, she is powerless to do anything of the kind.

But there is a more conclusive view of the subject. On the 29th of January, 1855, an Ordinance was passed which provided "That the real estate belonging to the City of Philadelphia which the said corporation are authorized or may be authorized to sell, without being required to appropriate the proceeds specifically by the power allowing such sale: ALL STOCK IN RAILROAD, canal, plank, or other corporations, and all mortgages owned by the same; and all monies which belonged or were owing to the sinking funds of any of the corporations, which by the Act of Assembly, approved February 2, 1854, were consolidated into the corporation of the City of Philadelphia, *be and they are hereby pledged for the payment of the funded debt of the said Corporation.*" When the Act of Consolidation went into effect, the debt of the City as nearly as it can be computed, was \$18,741,841 38. This debt was and is held almost over the world and by every species of persons natural and artificial. Since the passage of the Ordinance I have quoted,

it has continued to be transferred from hand to hand. Every day has produced a new owner of it. But this is not all. Soon after the passage of the Ordinance, a new loan of a *million of dollars* was projected, and authorized by Councils on the 11th of December, 1855. The whole of this loan, or the whole of it except a few dollars, has been taken, and portions of it are now sold from day to day in the market. The case therefore stands thus: The City of Philadelphia says to her citizens and the community, if you will lend your money to me, or buy my obligations now outstanding, I will hold the property which I possess as a solemn pledge for the payment of the money; and in that pledge she includes in express terms the very Railroad Stocks which the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company desire to borrow. Can she lend them? Let the principle be tested by its application to the affairs of private life. One merchant says to another, if you will lend me a thousand dollars, I will hold these promissory notes, or these stocks, or this merchandize as a pledge for its repayment. He obtains the money, and on the next day he hands over notes, stocks, and merchandize, to secure another loan from another lender, or to procure some other advantage to himself. Can he do so? Does not every man feel that the act is immoral, and that if the law failed to lay its firmest grasp upon the transaction, it would be as a science, so far below the best philosophy of morals as to be worthy of contempt? My opinion therefore is, that the City of Philadelphia cannot lay a finger on that stock, with the view of lending it to any other party. By the Ordinance of January, she created a contract with those who afterwards took her loan, if not with those who held it before, which neither she nor any other power on earth but the parties who made it, can dissolve. There never has been a code of morals which would have sanctioned such an act; there never has been a civilized state whose jurisprudence would have permitted it; and there never has been a Court since the days of James the Second which would have justified it.

There is a point which I ought to touch in conclusion, and on which I trust I shall not be misunderstood. It is barely possible that Councils may differ with me on this subject. In that event, a grave question would arise. I am not the Solicitor of Councils, but of the City of Philadelphia, and my first duty is to her citizens,—my constituents. The question arises whether as at present advised, I should not be bound to employ the power of this Department in preventing any transfer or other similar disposition of this stock. One mode of testing the proposed Ordinance would be an action on the official bond of the Treasurer, to recover the value of any stock, illegally transferred by him,—a course which that officer, if he be as cautious as I suppose him, will take care to avoid. A more efficient proceeding would be an application for an injunction to prevent any disposition of the stock whatever. I merely suggest this point now, because it seems one of candor, and because it may prevent surprise hereafter.

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 98.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Resolution from the Controllors of Public Schools, asking for an appropriation to make repairs to the Webster School House, beg leave to report the following Resolution and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Aug. 21, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, be authorized to draw warrants for one thousand dollars to pay the following item; repairs to the Webster School House; said amount of \$1000 to be transferred from the appropriation "For the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Public Schools, approved under Ordinance, March 31st, 1856," and to be charged to the item "For the employment of additional Teachers, if found necessary during the year, five thousand dollars."

APPENDIX No. 99.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the following Resolution from Select Council, to wit:—

Resolved, That the owners of property on Marshall street, from Thompson to Jefferson street, be and they are hereby authorized to pave the same; *Provided*, That the work shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and that the City shall be at no expense except for the paving of the intersections.

That the Committee have concurred in the same with the following amendments, and recommend their adoption, to wit:—

That it be entitled "A Resolution to authorize the paving of Marshall street and Clinton street in the Twentieth Ward."

Between the words "property" and "on," in the second line, insert the words "or a majority thereof."

Between the words "Jefferson" and "be," in the

third line, add the words "street, and on Clinton street from Girard avenue to Thompson street in the Twentieth Ward."

At the end of the Resolution add the following clause: "And provided further, that the party contracting to pave the said streets, shall enter into an obligation to keep the same in good repair for the space of one year after the paving is finished, and that the water pipe be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun."

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
J. G. SORVER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

August 21, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 100.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave most respectfully to call your attention to the fact that the contracts for cleaning the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts, will expire by limitation on the first of October.

The Second District is not now under contract.

If it is the intention of Councils to continue the contract system, in the districts named, or to make it general over the entire City, it is important that speedy action should be had, in order that sufficient time may be allowed to parties disposing to contract with the City, to make proposals for the same.

In the opinion of the undersigned, the public interests would be promoted by allowing at least one month to contractors to make the necessary inquiries, and calculations incident to the work.

JOHN McCARTHY,
Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Aug. 12, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the communication of the Chief Commissioner of Highways, informing Councils that the contracts for cleaning the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Districts would expire on the first day of October next, have after careful consideration agreed upon the Resolution hereto annexed, and respectfully recommend its early adoption by Councils.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
 THOMAS POTTER,
 WM. ELLIOTT,
 J. G. SERVER,
 THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

Aug. 21, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to give public notice that proposals will be received at his office until 12 o'clock, noon, of Monday the eighth day of September next, for cleansing the streets in the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Districts of the City, and also for the Second District, in two parts, to be divided by the north line of Chesnut street; said proposals to be made upon the basis of certain specifications to be furnished to bidders by the Department of Highways, and to be made for the period of one or three years, and to be opened in the presence of the Committee on Highways of both Councils, at a meeting to be called for that purpose. *Provided*, That the First District shall be divided into two parts by the east line of Sixth street.

APPENDIX No. 101.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the accompanying Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the City Councils be requested to grant the use of the public lot on Beach street, opposite the Kensington Market, for the purpose of erecting thereon a School House.

Report the same back with a negative recommendation, inasmuch as the said lot was granted and conveyed to the City for specific purposes, and ask the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

THOMAS J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
D. BEVAN.

Aug. 21, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 102.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the matter of substituting iron settees for wooden stools, in the public squares, as per the accompanying Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be hereby directed to inquire into the propriety of removing the wooden stools from the Public Squares, and having their places supplied with iron settees.

Report that they have had the same under consideration, and arrived at the conclusion that it is inexpedient to make the proposed change at the present time,

and under the present state of the City finances, they therefore offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

THOMAS J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
D. BEVAN.

August 21, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 103.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the Resolution from Common Council, "Instructing the Committee to inquire upon what terms the City occupy the different houses now used as Police Stations, and the expediency of occupying the public halls in lieu thereof," beg leave respectfully to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and offer as the result of their deliberations, the following Resolution, which they ask to be adopted.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
WILLIAM DEAL,
DAVID BEVAN.

Aug. 21, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Commissioner of City Property be, and he is hereby empowered to place at the disposal of the Mayor and the Committee on Police, so much of the Moyamensing and other of the Halls of the former Districts as may be required for the Police, and to rent or surrender to the owners thereof of such of the present Police Station Houses as are unfit for use, or unnecessary to be retained,

as the Mayor and the Police Committee may determine upon.

APPENDIX No. 104.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the bill of Alderman Armstrong, for services as Police Magistrate of Seventh Ward, beg leave respectfully to report, That they have duly investigated the matter, and find that no return of fines or penalties have been paid by him into the Treasury, as provided by law, they therefore report adverse to the payment thereof, and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
DAVID BEVAN,
WILLIAM DEAL,
SAMUEL LINDSAY.

Aug. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 105.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, "To provide for the payment of the claim of Lane Schofield," respectfully report the same as committed, and recommend that Common Council concur therein. *Provided*, said claim be paid out of the appropriation made to the Highway Department for 1856.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
CHARLES P. ISEMINER.

Aug. 14, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the payment of the claim of Lane Schofield.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three thousand, two hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of a certain claim by Lane Schofield, against the City of Philadelphia, for a balance due him for the construction of a Culvert in Thompson street, late District of Penn, the said amount to be in full for said claim, and every suit or suits that the said Schofield may have commenced against the City, to be first satisfied of record, before warrants for any portion of this appropriation shall be drawn.

SECTION 2. That warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, in form and with the requisites prescribed in existing Ordinances, in regard to drawing warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 106.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Law, to whom were referred divers petitions asking Councils to change certain Preeinct Houses, beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and ask leave to submit the following Resolutions, which they ask to be adopted.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
WILLIAM DEAL,
CHARLES E. LEX,
HENRY T. KING,
WILLIAM BRADFORD.

Aug. 14, 1856.

COMMITTEE ROOM, Aug. 20, 1856.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the place for holding the election in the fifth division of the Fourth Ward, shall be at the house of Owen Lamb, at the south-east corner of Charles and South streets.

Resolved, That the place for holding the election in the 11th division of the First Ward, shall be at the house of Francis Gallagher, Shippen street below Seventeenth.

Resolved, That the place for holding the election in the eighth division of the Third Ward, shall be at the house of James Gallagher, North-east corner of Broad and Christian streets.

Resolved, That the place for holding the election in the 2nd division of the Third Ward, shall be at the house of Wm. Wise, South-east cor. of Front and Catharine sts.

Resolved, That the place for holding the election in the fifth division of the Second Ward, shall be at the house of Patrick Dougherty, No. 524 South Eighth street, below Washington street.

Resolved, That the place for holding the election in the fifth division of Eighth Ward, shall be at the house of John Brown, 21st street below Locust.

Resolved, That the place for holding the election in the third division of the Twentieth Ward, shall be at the house of John Higgins, South-west corner of Jefferson and Alder streets.

APPENDIX No. 107.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Law respectfully report, That they have considered the petition of Taylor Ingram, asking that his house may be selected as a Precinct House, in the fourth precinct of the Ninth Ward; that the facts set forth in the petition of voters annexed thereto, do not confer the right on Councils to change the Precinct house, there being no allegation that the present place cannot be used for election pur-

poses, they ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and report a Resolution accordingly:

Resolved, That the Committee on Law be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Taylor Ingram and others, asking for the selection of a precinct house in the fourth precinct of the Ninth Ward.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
WILLIAM DEAL,
GEORGE NORTHROP.

Aug. 21, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 108.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Law respectfully report, That they have considered the petitions of citizens of the seventh precinct of First Ward, and fourth precinct of Fifteenth Ward, asking for a change of precinct houses, and of citizens of third precinct of Second Ward, and of ninth precinct of Second Ward, asking for alterations in the bounds of said precinct, that said petitioners do not disclose facts which under third section of the Act of 1854,—second section of the Act of 1855, and twenty-first section of Act of 1856, confer jurisdiction on Councils in the premises, they therefore ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and report a Resolution accordingly.

Resolved, That the Committee on Law be discharged from the further consideration of petitions of citizens of seventh precinct of First Ward, and fourth precinct of Fifteenth Ward, asking for change of precinct houses, and petition of citizens of third precinct of Second Ward, and ninth precinct of Second Ward, asking for alteration in the bounds of said precinct.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
WILLIAM DEAL,
GEORGE NORTHROP.
CHARLES E. LEX.

Aug. 21, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 109.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committtee on Law respectfully report, That they have examined the petition of Morton McMichael and others, asking for a repeal of the Second Section of the Supplement passed Feb. 16th, 1856, to an Ordinance passed Jan. 19th, 1856, regulating Pawnbrokers, that by the original Ordinance, Pawnbrokers were authorized to charge six per cent. per annum for loans, and two per cent. per month for storage and other expenses, and by the supplement the latter was increased to five per cent. per month, that as the law now stands Pawnbrokers can charge six per cent. per annum on all loans, and an additional five per cent. per month for storage and other expenses, making in all sixty-six per cent. per annum on all loans—that in the opinion of the Committee this amount is excessive and calculated to oppress the parties who need small loans, and that the original allowance of two per cent. per month, making in all thirty per cent. per annum, is sufficient, they report therefore an Ordinance repealing said Second Section of the Supplement passed Feb. 16th, 1856.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
CHARLES E. LEX,
WILLIAM DEAL,
GEORGE NORTHROP,
HENRY T. KING.

Aug. 21, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To repeal the Second Section of an Ordinance passed the 16th day of February, 1856, entitled a Supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 19, 1856, entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate and License Pawnbrokers."

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia. That the

Second Section of an Ordinance passed the 16th day of February, 1856, entitled a Supplement to an Ordinance approved January 19, 1856, entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate and License Pawnbrokers," be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 110.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Law respectfully report, That they have considered the petition of voters of tenth precinct of Second Ward, asking a change in the bounds of said precinct, that the facts set forth in said petition indicate that such change should be made, they therefore report that said petition be referred to the members of Councils of said Ward, to examine the facts set forth in petition, and re-adjust the said precinct, if necessary, and annex a Resolution to that effect thereto.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
CHARLES E. LEX,
WILLIAM DEAL,
GEORGE NORTHROP,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
HENRY T. KING.

Aug. 21, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the petition of voters of tenth precinct of Second Ward, asking a change in the bounds of said precinct, be referred to the members of Councils of said Ward, as a Committee to examine the facts set forth in said petition, and if necessary, re-adjust the ninth and tenth precincts thereof.

APPENDIX No. 111.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred "An Ordinance making an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the City Ice Boat," respectfully report: On the 26th of July, 1856, your Committee, to whom has been referred a communication from the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, asking an appropriation of \$14,272 10, for the same purpose, reported that there was no fund against which the appropriation asked for was properly chargeable, and they were discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The facts are, of course, the same now, but that the house may vote directly on the Ordinance, they report it as committed.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Aug. 21, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

Making an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the City Ice Boat.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Trustees of the City Ice Boat cause the said Boat to be thoroughly repaired and placed in condition for efficient service, such repairs to be made as economically as may be consistent with a due regard to the efficiency of the boat. *Provided*, That the cost thereof shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars in addition to previous appropriations is hereby made for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, the

same to be applied to the necessary repairs of said boat, exclusive of the sum now standing to the credit of the Trustees.

SEC. 3. Warrants for the payment of the amount hereby appropriated shall be drawn by the said Trustees, in the usual form.

APPENDIX No. 112.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Special Committee appointed to divide the Fourth Division of the Nineteenth Ward, beg leave to submit the accompanying report:

The present boundaries of the Fourth Division of the Nineteenth Ward, extend from Norris street on the south, to Lehigh Avenue on the north, and from the Frankford Road on the east, to the Germantown Road on the west, and in extent about half the size of the old city proper, and contains between four and five thousand inhabitants.

At the October election in 1855, there were five hundred and thirteen votes polled, at the municipal election in May, 1856, four hundred and fifty-eight votes were polled; at the last election the voters were subjected to much inconvenience and loss of valuable time, as one hour from the opening of the polls until the closing of the same, there was a continuous line of from fifty to seventy-five voters, occupying two hours for each voter to deposit his vote; at the hour prescribed by law for the polls to close, upwards of sixty voters were in the line, and were disfranchised to all intents for that election. To guard against this flagrant wrong and annoyance to the citizens of all parties, the third section of the Act of Consolidation makes the following wise provision:

“If at any election thereafter there shall be more than four hundred votes polled in any one of the said

divisions, then at some period at least forty days previous to the next succeeding election, the said City Councils shall re-arrange the divisions of the Wards wherein such votes have been polled, and *increase the number*, if necessary."

Your Committee therefore report in favor of making a new Division in said Ward, and in view of the above facts, and in accordance with the Act of Assembly, offer the following Ordinance.

ANDREW J. HOLMAN, *Chairman*,
G. W. SCHOFIELD,
THOMAS MONAGHAN,
F. McMANUS,
ROBERT V. BARBER,
BENJ. H. BROWN,
WM. M. MICKLE,
D. M'CLEARY.

Aug. 28, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To change the boundary lines of the Fourth Division of the Nineteenth Ward; to create an additional Division in said Ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division.

WHEREAS, The Fourth Division of the Nineteenth Ward, in the City of Philadelphia, contains about two hundred more voters than any election division was contemplated to have, by the Act of February 2d, 1854, therefore,

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Fourth Division of the Nineteenth Ward, shall hereafter be bounded as follows:

Beginning at the north-west corner of Frankford Road and Norris street, thence along the Frankford Road to Lehigh Avenue, thence along the Lehigh Avenue to Second street, thence along Second street to Norris street, thence along Norris street to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. That a new Election Division, to be called the Ninth Division, be, and the same is hereby created in said Nineteenth Ward, to be bounded as follows:

Beginning at the north-west corner of Second and Diamond streets, thence along Second street to Lehigh Avenue, thence along Lehigh Avenue to the Germantown Road, thence along the Germantown Road to Diamond street, thence along Diamond street to the place of beginning; and that the voters of the said Ninth Division shall vote at the house of Michael Masterson, at the corner of Second and York streets.

APPENDIX No. 113.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee appointed to re-arrange the election divisions of Second Ward, beg leave to report, That they have had the matter under consideration, and find that the Third, Seventh, and Ninth Division, each have more than the number of voters required by law, and the excess in the Seventh and Ninth Divisions being greater than can be added to the adjoining ones, without increasing their vote too largely, your Committee therefore recommend the creation of an additional division from parts of the Seventh and Ninth, and such alteration in the Third, as to meet the requirements of the law, your Committee therefore submit the following joint Resolutions, and ask their adoption.

W. A. BOYLE, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
JOHN PORTER,
DAVID BEVAN.

Aug. 28, 1856.

A further supplement to the joint resolutions, approved March 19th, 1855, entitled "Joint Resolutions relative to changing the Election Divisions of the Second Ward, and places of holding the elections."

Resolved, That the boundaries of the election divisions of the Second Ward hereinafter mentioned, shall be as follows, viz. :

The First Division shall include so much of the said Ward as is comprised within the following limits, viz. :

Commencing at Second and Wharton streets, thence along Second to Marion street, along Marion to Jefferson Avenue, along Jefferson Avenue to Washington street, along Washington to the river Delaware, along the river Delaware to Wharton street, and along the latter to the place of beginning.

Third Division.—So much of said Ward as is comprised within the following limits, viz. :

Commencing at Second and Wharton streets, along Second to Marion, along Marion to Jefferson Avenue, along Jefferson Avenue to Carpenter street, along Carpenter street to Fourth, along Fourth to Wharton, and along the latter to the place of beginning.

Seventh Division.—So much of said Ward as is comprised within the following limits, viz. :

Commencing at Washington, or Prime street, and Sixth, along Sixth to Christian, along Christian to Eighth street, along Eighth street to Washington or Prime street, and along the latter to the place of beginning.

Ninth Division.—So much of said Ward as is comprised within the following limits, viz. :

Commencing at Eighth and Christian streets, along Eighth to Washington or Prime streets, along the latter to Ninth, along Ninth to Little Washington street, along the latter to Eleventh, along Eleventh to Carpenter, along Carpenter to Ninth, along Ninth to Christian, along the latter to the place of beginning.

Eleventh Division.—So much of said Ward as is comprised within the following limits, viz. :

Commencing at Ninth and Christian streets, along Christian to Eleventh street, along Eleventh to Carpenter street, along the latter to Ninth street, along Ninth to the place of beginning.

Resolved, That the place of holding the election in the Eleventh Division, shall be at the house of Michael

McMenemen, south-east corner of Tenth and Hall streets.

Resolved, That so much of any law or resolution inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 114.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a communication from Richard L. West, Superintendent of the City Railroad, offering certain persons as his sureties, report the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the sureties offered by Richard L. West, Superintendent of the City Railroad, by Michael C. Deitz, Charles Fisdall, and Leonard Fisher, be approved, and the Solicitor directed to procure the necessary bonds and have the same entered of record.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
JOHN K. FINDLAY.

Aug. 28, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 115.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution from Select Council, authorizing the Chief Engineer and Surveyor to draw a warrant in favor of Joseph Fox, for services as Commissioner, &c.,

beg leave to report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be authorized, and is hereby directed to draw a warrant in favor of Joseph Fox, for thirty-five dollars, chargeable to Item No. 16, of appropriation made to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1856, approved March 11, 1856, being amount due for services rendered as Commissioner, &c., under Act of Assembly, of 19th April, 1856, to lay out a State road from Twenty-fourth Ward to Spring Mill and Conshocken roads, in Montgomery County.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER.

August, 28, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 116.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report the following Ordinance, "To make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, and for other purposes," and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
T. J. CRAVEN,
JOHN K. FINDLAY.

Aug. 28, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of eight thousand one hundred and forty-one dollars and twenty-three cents be and the same is hereby appropriated

for the payment of the following claims against the City of Philadelphia, viz.:

1. Rent of the Adelphi Building, three quarters,	-	-	-	\$2,625 00
2. Salary of Janitor of Adelphi Building,				150 00
3. Insurance,	-	-	-	15 00
4. " " " " " "	-	-	-	60 00
5. Incidentals,	-	-	-	100 00
6. Thomas W. Higgins, Esq., for Professional Services,	-	-	-	150 00
7. Evans & Watson for two Fire-Proof Safes,	-	-	-	900 00
8. To Andrew Benner, for hauling Steam Fire Engine, Miles Greenwood,				14 00
9. Board of Health, for supplies to the City Hospital,	-	-	-	2,000 00
10. Judgment of Joseph Lewis vs. the City of Philadelphia, D. C., Dec. T. '55, No. 783, debt, interest and cost,				102 23
11. To the Law Department, as follows:				
Advertising Liens,	-	-	-	1,500 00
Stationery,	-	-	-	200 00
Printing,	-	-	-	150 00
Service of Supœnas,	-	-	-	75 00
Miscellaneous advertising,	-	-	-	100 00

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of money from the said appropriation shall be drawn as follows, viz.:

For the payment of items one, two, three, four, five, and seven, to be drawn by the Commissioner of City Property; for the payment of items six and eleven, by the City Solicitor; for the payment of item eight, by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department; for the payment of item nine, by the President of the Board of Health; for the payment of item ten, by the Chief Commissioner of Highway Department, in the form and manner prescribed in existing Ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 117.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., to pay certain road damages in certificates of City Debt," respectfully report the same as committed, and recommend the concurrence of Common Council.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER.

Aug. 28, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., to pay certain Road Damages in certificates of City Debt.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, for the purpose of paying in manner hereinafter mentioned, the amount assessed as damages for injury sustained by the following named persons, by the opening of streets, viz.:

To Ferdinand J. Dreer, one thousand dollars.

To Matthew Newkirk, one thousand dollars; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Girard Avenue, east of the Schuylkill river.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation, shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, and the same shall be paid in Certificates of City Debt; *Provided*, No warrant shall issue until the usual certificate shall be produced from the Court of Quarter Sessions, that the damages aforesaid have been assessed by a jury, and their report been confirmed absolutely, nor until the City Solicitor cer-

tifies that there are no liens against the property for injury to which the said damages have been awarded.

SEC. 3. Upon the delivery of any such warrants, countersigned by the Controller, to the City Treasurer, the said Treasurer shall deliver to the person in whose favor the same is drawn, or to his order, certificates of City Debt to the amount expressed in such warrant, which certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an Ordinance, approved August 23d, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide Certificates of Debt in payment of Road Damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph," and the said certificate shall be a portion of those thereby authorized to be issued.

APPENDIX No. 118.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance having had the subject of a change in certain items of appropriation to the Police under consideration, beg leave respectfully to offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that so much of the appropriation as was made to the Department of Police, by Ordinance approved on the eleventh day of March, last, as shall amount to one thousand and sixty dollars, be transferred from the following account, viz. :

Item "Expense of taking up and killing dogs," five hundred and sixty dollars; and that the same be appropriated to account of "Printing and Stationery."

And also from the following account, viz. :

Item "Expenses incident to arrest and conviction of offenders," five hundred dollars; and that the same

be appropriated to account of "Repairs to Station Houses, Meals for Prisoners, and incidental expenses."

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

THOMAS CRAVEN,

ABM. BAKER.

Aug. 28, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 119.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill amounting to nine hundred dollars, for two fire-proof safes, purchased by the late Law Department, April 7, 1856, respectfully report,

That they have ascertained this claim to be of the same character of those they have heretofore recommended Councils not to recognise or pay, the safes in question having been purchased by the Law Department without authority, or any appropriation having been previously made by Councils to pay for them.

Your Committee again respectfully urge on Councils the necessity of resisting the payment of all such claims, and adhering firmly to the principle of recognising no debt contracted without authority, by any of the departments or employees of the City, sending all the parties having such claims into the Courts of Justice for their adjudication. This mode of proceeding may appear harsh, but it is not so; and is in reality a simple affair of every day occurrence. An individual is called on to pay a debt contracted by one of his employees, the payment of which he resists, on the ground that he never authorized his employee to contract it. The claimant has his remedy; he resorts to a Court of Justice, where the matter of responsibility is fully tested and decided.

In private life, an agent of another who would disburse the money of his employer in the payment of

debts of a doubtful character, and which he knew his employer never authorized to be made, would be pronounced by all an unfaithful agent. Councils are but the agents of the citizens of Philadelphia, bound by the same moral rules that control all other agents; and there is no reason why the City should be placed in a different position from the individual who employs another to transact his business.

The necessity of adopting the course of action recommended by your Committee, will plainly appear on an examination of the Journals and other records of Councils which show that many thousands of dollars have been unjustly extracted from the Treasury, in payment of debts contracted for purposes of doubtful utility by the Departments, without any authority of law, or direction of Councils: and it is even publicly asserted that parties, without orders from any one connected with the City government, have taken upon themselves to do jobs for the city, depending entirely on their ability and power, by various contrivances, to pass their claim through Councils.

It is urged that the safes in question, were highly useful and necessary for the safe-keeping of the important papers and documents belonging to the City, and that the amount charged for them was small, in consideration of their usefulness. All this is cheerfully admitted, and had the Law Department represented these facts to the Councils before assuming to make the purchase, doubtless the authority would have been given, and an appropriation promptly made. The sum charged being small does not alter the principle. The same reasons and arguments that justify the improper expenditure of one dollar would apply equally if it were for one hundred thousand dollars.

It is evident that all the checks and guards provided in the different Acts of Assembly, and Ordinances in reference to the appropriation and expenditure of money, have not been sufficient to check these irregularities. A firm adherence to the course recommended will, it is believed, effectually put a stop to them in future, by placing every citizen who may have dealings

with the Department on his guard, letting him know distinctly, that just so far these Departments can go, and no farther. Your Committee offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

JOHN K. FINDLAY,

T. S. CRAVEN,

ABM. BAKER.

Aug. 28, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 120.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee of Highways, to whom were referred several communications representing the bad condition of Ninth street, at the intersection of Morris street, in the First Ward, respectfully report,

That Ninth street has been graded and paved southward to Morris street, and there is a row of good three story brick houses on the east side of Ninth street, extending from Morris street northward.

The grade on Ninth street for several squares northward descends towards Morris street, and at the intersection thereof the regulated grade of Ninth street is about three feet below the original surface of the ground on Morris street, and the consequence is that at every rain Ninth street is overflowed, and the cellars of the adjoining houses filled with water.

The proper and only remedy for this evil is to grade Morris street. A resolution has passed Councils directing Morris street to be paved, and, therefore, now is the proper time to have it graded.

Your Committee, therefore, submit the following resolution, and recommend its early adoption by Councils.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the grading of Morris street, from Sixth to Tenth street, in the First Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to proceed with the grading, either by contract or otherwise of the causeway of Morris street from Sixth to Tenth street, in the First Ward, preparatory to paving the same.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Aug. 28, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 121.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred several petitions asking for the paving of streets, have considered the same, and have agreed unto the Resolutions hereunto annexed, and respectfully suggest to Councils the early adoption of the same.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
THOMAS POTTER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
J. G. SORVER,
ALFRED CREASE.

Aug. 28, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the paving and grading of Barlow street, in the First Ward, and Centre street, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the owners of property

or a majority thereof fronting on Barlow street, extending from Wharton southward to Reed street, between Fifth and Sixth streets in the First Ward, and on Centre street between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, are hereby authorized to pave the same, provided that the City shall be at no expense for the said paving, except at the intersections, and the same shall be done under the supervision of the Highway Department; and provided that the contractors doing said paving, shall enter into an obligation to keep the same in good repair for the space of one year from the time the same is finished, and that the water pipe shall be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That whenever the said paving is ready to be proceeded with, the Highway Department is authorized to grade said streets to a level with the curbstone.

APPENDIX No. 122.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways have had under consideration the petition presented some time since, asking for the paving of Lancaster Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and thereupon respectfully report,

That Lancaster Avenue was, some three or four years ago, paved from its intersection with Market street westward to the east line of Cramond street, and, at the same time, there was paved another portion of it commencing about five hundred feet further west, at the east line of Morris street, and extending about three hundred and fifty feet.

This last mentioned portion having been laid before the regulated grades of that locality were fixed, is now found to be about two and a half feet above the proper grade, and above the present grade of the Avenue

both east and west of this pavement, which presents an obstacle to the free passage of the street, and has been the cause of two other accidents to travelers.

The owners of property fronting on the street, having paid for this pavement, it is now the duty of the City to lower it, and put it at the regulated grade. And your Committee, therefore, submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOMAS POTTER.

Aug. 28, 1856.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the paving and repairing of portions of Lancaster Avenue in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on Lancaster Avenue, between the end of the pebble pavement, at or near the east line of Cramond street or Twenty-third street, and the east line of Moore or Thirty-fourth street, and between the line of the pebble pavement, about two hundred feet east of the intersection of Arch street, and the east line of Margaret or Thirty-sixth street, are hereby authorized to pave the same, provided that the City shall be at no expense for the said paving except at the intersections of streets; and the same shall be done under the supervision of the Highway Department. And provided that the contractors for doing the said paving shall enter into an obligation to keep the same in good repairs for the space of one year from the time the same is finished, and that the water pipe shall be laid in the said street before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to re-pave that portion of the said Lancaster

Avenue commencing at the east line of Moore or Thirty-fourth street, and extending westward the distance of about three hundred and fifty feet, where the same has been hitherto paved at too high a grade.

APPENDIX No. 123.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the foregoing petition, asking that Ninth street from Fitzwater to Catharine, may be repaired, and thereupon respectfully report, That the said street in the locality referred to, has been examined by the Highway Department, and the Chief Commissioner reports that the pavement is in too bad a condition to be repaired, and that nothing short of re-paving will be of any essential service.

The Department also report, that Second street from Queen to Christian street, is in a very bad condition, and requires re-paving.

Your Committee therefore submit the following Resolution, and ask its adoption by Councils.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the re-paving of Ninth street and Second street in the Third Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to proceed, by contract, with the re-paving of Second street, from Queen to Christian

streets, and of Ninth street from Fitzwater to Catharine street, in the Third Ward.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
THOMAS POTTER,
J. G. SERVER,
ALFRED CREASE,
WM. ELLIOTT.

Aug. 28, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 124.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petition of numerous citizens, asking for the grading of Spruce street from Till westward to Mill Creek, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and thereupon they respectfully report, That Spruce street from Till street westward to Mill Creek, which was opened two or three years since by the owners of property fronting upon it without charge to the County.

It is on a line with and a continuation of Spruce street, east of the Schuylkill.

The owners of property in the vicinity have recently erected at their own expense, a wooden bridge over Mill Creek, so as to have access to the lands to the westward, and there is a petition now before Councils, asking that Spruce street may be opened westward from Mill Creek, a distance of over a mile.

The grading on the space between Till street and Mill Creek, was begun in the Spring of the present year, by the Highway Department, and was broken off by the passage of the Ordinance in May last, ordering all such work to be discontinued.

The distance yet to be graded does not exceed four hundred feet, and according to an estimate made and

submitted by the Surveyor of that District, the whole expense required to put the street in good traveling order, will not exceed three hundred dollars.

The Committee therefore recommend that Councils adopt the following Resolution.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD.

Aug. 28, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the grading of Spruce from Till street westward to Mill Creek, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to resume and finish the grading of Spruce street from Till street westward to Mill Creek, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, so that the same be placed in good traveling condition for vehicles. Provided the cost shall not exceed \$300.

APPENDIX No. 125.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens asking for the grading of Union street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, respectfully report, That the regulated grade of Union street, between Moore and Cramond street, is in some places from two to three feet below the present surface of the ground, and in time of heavy rains the sidewalks which have been dug down, are overflowed, and the cellars of the houses fronting on the street filled with water.

The remedy is to grade the cartway of Union street, so that the water will pass along it into Cramond street, and thence across Market street, into the culvert or drain made along the channel of Beaver Run.

The Commissioner of Highways for that District, estimates that the whole cost of the grading necessary to be done will not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Committee therefore submit the following Resolution, and recommend its adoption.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOMAS POTTER.

Aug. 28, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the grading of Union street, between Moore street and Cramond, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Highways, &c., is hereby authorized to grade the cartway of Union street, between Moore street and Cramond street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to an extent sufficient to permit the water to flow freely over and along the same into and across Market street; Provided, the cost shall not exceed \$250.

APPENDIX No. 126.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition of a number of citizens of the late borough of Manayunk, asking to be protected from the damage caused by frequent overflows of water along Levering street, respectfully report, That the

town of Manayunk being built at the foot and upon the side of a steep hill, will always be in danger of an overflow of water during heavy rains, and will require great care in fixing the grades of its streets, so that the water will be spread and scattered as much as possible on its way down to the Schuylkill.

The overflow complained of in the petition in this case, appears to be caused by closing up the natural channel of a brook or stream which formerly passed over the ground now forming the intersection of Levering and Tower streets. The water being thus thrown out of its ancient and natural channel finds its way down and along Levering street, filling and overflowing cellars; and causing great damage at and during every heavy fall of rain.

The remedy is to construct a culvert or drain, diagonally across the intersection of Levering and Tower streets, of sufficient size to pass the volume of water which accumulates on the hills above Tower street, along its former course into its natural channel, between Levering and Grape streets, and it will thus find its way into the Schuylkill without doing damage to any one.

The Committee estimate that the cost of this culvert or drain will not exceed two hundred dollars and they therefore recommend that Councils adopt the following Resolution.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Aug. 28, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the construction of a culvert or drain across the intersection of Levering and Tower streets, in Manayunk.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Highways are hereby authorized to construct, by contract, a culvert or drain at the intersection of Levering and Tower streets, in Manayunk, in the Twenty-first

Ward. Provided, that the Chief Engineer and Surveyor shall fix and determine the size of the said culvert, and approve of the contract for its construction, if any contract be made, providing the cost shall not exceed \$200.

APPENDIX No. 127.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways have had under consideration the subject of grading Parke street in the north-western portion of the Twenty-second Ward, and therefore they respectfully report, That there has been promised and submitted to the Committee, a certificate from Reuben Lands, Supervisor of the District in which the said Parke street is located, that the same can be graded and made a good passable road for the sum specified in the Resolution which has hitherto passed Councils, viz :

Six hundred and fifty dollars, and this is supported by a certificate from Wm. Lightfoot, Surveyor of that District, wherein he says :

"I fully concur with you that the street can be opened and put in good passable order for \$650, both of which papers are hereunto annexed."

This is a road that has been opened by regular proceedings in Court, and the owners of the ground over which it passes, surrendered their property without cost to the City for damages.

Under the former rural township government which existed prior to the passage of the Consolidation law this road would long since have been opened by means of the ordinary township taxes. The people in the vicinity of the road pay the full City tax—the same as paid by the built-up portions of the City, and it must become a serious annoyance to them if they cannot with these greatly advanced taxes have such improve-

ments made and such roads opened as they could have had by means of the much smaller tax of their former rural government.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

To construe the Resolution authorizing the grading of Parke street, in the Twenty-second Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Resolution entitled a Resolution to continue the grading of Parke street in the Twenty-second Ward, approved August 15th, 1856, shall be construed to authorize the Highway Department to proceed with the said grading, and make the said street or road passable for horses and vehicles, and to expend the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars, in the said work.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD,
THOMAS POTTER.

Aug. 28, 1856.

CHESTNUT HILL, }
Aug. 23, 1856. }

To Jesse Lightfoot, Surveyor Ninth District.

DEAR SIR:—I have given an opinion that Parke avenue can be opened to the Wissahickon, and make a good and passable road, for the amount of the appropriation—namely, six hundred and fifty dollars—will you do me the favor of your opinion on this subject, as I wish to compare your opinion with mine.

Yours respectfully,

REUBEN SANDS.

P. S.—I can do the work with the ordinary force of the District, without any appropriation, as I had done and was doing when I was stopped.

OFFICE OF CITY SURVEYOR, }
 Philada., Aug. 25, 1856. }

To Reuben Sands, Esq., Supervisor.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your note of the 23d ult., relative to Park street, I fully concur with you that the street can be opened and put in good passable order for \$650.

Respectfully yours,

J. LIGHTFOOT,

City Surveyor 9th Dist.

Reuben Sands, Esq.

APPENDIX No. 128.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways to whom was referred the foregoing petitions, asking for the opening of certain streets in the Twenty-fourth Ward, have had the same under consideration, and thereupon respectfully report, That by the seventh section of the first supplement to the Consolidation Law, it is enacted,

That whenever Councils shall deem the public exigency to demand it, they may order by Ordinance any street laid upon any of the public plans of the City to be opened, giving three months notice thereof to the owner, &c.

It is evident from the language of this law, that it was the design and intention of those who made it, that its aid should be invoked in opening streets only in cases of public exigency or emergency.

The danger of using it in all cases, when it is desired to open streets is, that in such proceedings Councils are left entirely in the dark, as to the value of the property to be taken, and damages may be done to an amount beyond the ability of the City Treasury to pay.

The ordinary mode of opening streets, is first to pe-

tition the Court of Quarter Sessions for a jury of view, who inquire and determine that the convenience of the neighborhood and the advanced state of the improvements require that the street should be opened, and when the report of the jury is confirmed by the Court, there follows a petition for injury to assess the damage caused by the opening.

And when the report of the jury to assess the damage is confirmed by the Court, and the moneys to pay the same appropriated by Councils, and the amount paid, the street can be opened and put in traveling order by the Department of Highways.

The advantages of this mode are, that if there be any adverse parties whose claim for damages will be heavy and they see but little prospect of obtaining them, or from any other cause, they get notice of all the proceedings, and can present their objections as well to the jury of view as to the Court, and prevent the opening if they make it appear to either the Court or jury that the proceedings are premature.

But in the proceedings under the law, the aid of which the petitioners in this case seek to invoke, owing to the multifarious duties of the Highway Department, it is very uncertain whether any of the parties interested will get any notice, and an Ordinance may be passed directing a street to be opened, taking away the houses and grounds of owners who have no knowledge or information of any proceedings until they find their property taken and applied to public use.

And it is evident that a jury coming to assess damage for property taken in this way, would be disposed to award a larger amount than in the ordinary cases, where the owner had full notice of the proceedings, for the argument of the owner would be, the city has taken my property, and applied it to public use without my consent, and without giving me any notice of their intention to do so. The City has taken it for her own benefit and advantage, and not for mine; therefore, they ought to pay its full value.

These petitions are numerously signed. That for Spruce street represents that they are the owners of

the property through which the street will pass. If they mean by this that they are *all* the owners, they have no occasion to apply any where to have the street opened, for they can open it themselves, whenever they please, through their own grounds.

That for Fifty-second street, sets forth that the petitioners represent three-fourths of the property through which the said street will pass, and is signed by forty-nine citizens.

But there is nothing in the petitions, or in the facts that have been communicated to the Committee, or in any of the circumstances connected with the streets which they ask shall be opened, that in the opinion of your Committee would warrant them in assuring Councils, that such opening is required by any public exigency.

And inasmuch as it is the express provision of the law in question, that Councils may pass Ordinances directing streets to be opened, only in cases wherein they "shall deem the public exigency to demand it," your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions for opening Spruce street and Fifty-second street in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and that the petitioners be recommended to adopt the usual and ordinary proceedings in Court to open the same.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOMAS POTTER.

Aug. 28, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 129.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways have had under con-

sideration the foregoing Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the opening of certain streets," which passed Select Council on the 17th day of July, and was referred to your Committee on the same day, and they respectfully suggest the following amendments:

1st. Amend the title so that it shall read "An Ordinance to provide for the opening of McKean street, and other streets in the First Ward."

They suggest this because there are several ordinances bearing the same title, and it will be difficult hereafter to find in the books the precise one sought for.

2. Strike out of the second line of Section 1, the words "Fifth street from McKean to Mifflin street."

It is notorious that Fifth street has been opened, and in use for many years at this point, and the Committee suppose this has been introduced by mistake.

3. Add in the fourth line of the first Section after the word "street," the words "in the first ward."

4. Insert in the beginning of the second Section the words "As soon as the owners of lands, over which the said streets will pass, will release and surrender all claims upon the City for damages."

5. Strike out all after the word "grade," in the third line of Section 2d, and add the words "Fifth street from Moore street southward to the Moyamensing road, preparatory to paving the same."

The City ought not to become liable to pay any damage for opening these streets, because it is done at the request of the owners of the land there, who must be benefitted by the opening, or they would not request it.

And a resolution has passed Councils authorizing the paving of Fifth street over the space designated to be graded, and that is about as much grading as the City can afford to do in that locality, at the present time.

With these amendments, the Committee recommend the passage of the Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the opening of McKean street, and other streets in the First Ward.

Whereas, by authority of a Resolution of Councils approved September 20, 1855, entitled "A Resolution to authorize notice to be given of the intended opening of certain streets," notice was given on the 12th of November, 1855, to the owners of the ground through and over which Fifth street from McKean to Mifflin street, Sixth street from Moore to McKean street, McKean street from Fifth to Sixth street, Mifflin street from Fifth to Sixth street, as the same are laid down on the plan of the Southern part of Moyamensing, dated June 24, 1842, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Council would order the said streets within the said limits to be opened for public use: and the said time having elapsed, Therefore,

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That Sixth street from Moore to McKean street, McKean street from Fifth to Sixth street, Mifflin street from Fifth to Sixth street, in the First Ward, as the same are laid down on the plan of the Southern part of Moyamensing, dated June 24, 1842, be and the same are hereby declared to be opened for public use, as streets or highways.

SEC. 2. As soon as the owners of lands over which the said streets will pass, will release and surrender all claims for damages, the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, is hereby authorized to cause all obstructions within the limits of the said streets to be removed, and to grade Fifth street from Moore street southward to Moyamensing road, preparatory to paving the same.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
THOMAS POTTER.

Aug. 28, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 130.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the following Resolutions,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three from each Council be appointed to devise and report a plan whereby Fairmount Park can be improved, in a style consistent with the character of the grounds, and with due regard to economy of expenditures.

Resolved, That the said Committee be authorized to confer with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, on the subject of the foregoing resolution.

Beg leave to report that they recommend that Common Council concur in said Resolutions.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

HENRY T. KING,

Aug. 28, 1856.

JOHN F. MASCHER.

Whereas, One of the duties enjoined on the City Councils by Act of Assembly, "is to lay out and maintain areas of ground as open or public places for the health and enjoyment of the people," and,

Whereas, The Council did, by Ordinance approved the 28th of September, 1855, "devote and dedicate" the Lemon Hill estate to public use by the name of "Fairmount Park," therefore,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three from each Council be appointed to devise and report a plan whereby Fairmount Park can be improved, and appropriated to public use and recreation, in a style consistent with the character of the grounds, and with due regard to economy of expenditure.

Resolved, That the said Committee be authorized to confer with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, on the subject of the foregoing resolution.

APPENDIX No. 131.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred "An Ordinance making an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the City Ice Boat," respectfully report, That on the 26th of July, 1856, your Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, asking an appropriation of fourteen thousand, two hundred and seventy-two dollars and ten cents, for the same purpose, reported that there was no fund against which the appropriation was properly chargeable, and they were discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The facts are, of course, the same now. But that the house may vote directly on the Ordinance, they report it as committed.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Aug. 28, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

Making an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the City Ice Boat.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Trustees of the City Ice Boat cause the said Boat to be thoroughly repaired, and placed in condition for efficient service; such repairs to be made as economically as may be consistent with a due regard to the efficiency of the Boat. *Provided*, That the cost thereof shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars in addition to previous appropriations is hereby made for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, the same to be applied to the necessary repairs of said

Boat, exclusive of the sum now standing to the credit of the Trustees.

SEC. 3. Warrants for the payment of the amount hereby appropriated shall be drawn by the said Trustees, in the usual form.

APPENDIX No. 132.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, That they have inquired into the sufficiency of the sureties of two Clerks in the Department of Highways, offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the sureties of William McGlensey, viz: John McGlensey and Charles O'Neill; and the sureties of Robert B. Quayle, viz: Thomas McGrath and Jeremiah Fritz, be approved, and the City Solicitor directed to prepare the necessary bonds and have the same entered of record.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman,*
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Sept, 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 133.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Interest on Warrants and Costs in suits against the City," respect-

fully report the same as committed, with the following amendment. viz:

In the last line of the second section, strike out the word "two," and insert "five."

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

Sept. 4, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay interest upon warrants and costs in suits against the City.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of ten thousand two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the following purposes, viz:

1. For the payment of interest on warrants issued by the several departments of the City Government, as the same shall hereafter be paid by the City Treasurer, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

2. For the payment of costs in suits against the City, upon which judgments have been obtained, the sum of two hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the said appropriations shall be drawn by the City Treasurer, in manner and form, and with the requisites prescribed in existing Ordinances in regard to drawing warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 134.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

Your Committee on Water Works to which was referred the Resolution from Select Council, to wit:

That the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water, &c., be and is hereby directed to lay suitable iron pipe to conduct the water

from Cumberland street along Coral street to Adam street, in the Nineteenth Ward, as soon as practicable, report the same as committed, and recommend that Common Council concur.

Respectfully submitted.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
WM. HORROCKS,
ANDREW J. HOLLMAN,
JOS. P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
CHARLES E. LEX.

Sept. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 135.

REPORT OF THE WATERING COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

Your Committee on water respectfully report, That having had referred to them by Common Council certain Resolutions passed by the Select Council, authorizing the laying of water pipe on Cumberland street, they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the same for concurrence of this Chamber.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water, be and he is hereby directed to lay suitable iron pipe to conduct the water from Cumberland street along Orne street to Adams street, in the Nineteenth Ward, as soon as practicable.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM HORROCKS,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
BENJ. F. WRIGHT.

Sept. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 136.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

Your Committee on Water respectfully report, That having had referred to them by Common Council a certain Resolution passed by Select Council, authorizing the laying of water pipe in Franklin street from Front street to Jefferson avenue, and in Dickenson street from Sixth to Seventh street, they have had the same under examination, and recommend the same for concurrence of this Chamber.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
 WM. HORROCKS,
 JOS. P. FITLER,
 B. F. WRIGHT.

Sept. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the laying of Water Pipe in Franklin street, from Front street to Jefferson avenue ; and in Dickenson street, from Sixth to Seventh street.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That water pipe be laid in Franklin street, from Front street to Jefferson avenue and in Dickenson street from Sixth to Seventh street ; (provided the parties interested agree to pay the usual price for the same.)

APPENDIX No. 137.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

Your Committee on Water respectfully report, That having had referred to them by Common Council, a Resolution passed by the Select Council, authorizing the laying of water pipe in Clinton and other streets, that they have had it before them, and upon examination recommend the same for the concurrence of this Chamber.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
 WM. HORROCKS,
 JOS. P. FITLER,
 B. F. WRIGHT.

Sept. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 138.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition asking for the grading of Manatawna street, in the Twenty-first Ward, have considered the same, and thereupon respectfully report, That this is a new road opened across a portion of the upper part of the Twenty-first Ward by regular proceedings in Court, and was being graded under the orders of the Highway Department until the work was stopped by the passage of the Ordinance of May 17, 1856.

It is proposed to grade it to the extent only to make it passable for vehicles, as country roads usually are graded; and the said Committee that made the examination estimate that the whole sum required to finish the work will not exceed three hundred dollars. The

Committee, therefore, recommend to Councils the adoption of the following Resolution.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER.

J. G. SORVER,

WM. ELLIOTT,

THOS. J. ROBERTS,

Sept. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Highway Department is hereby authorized to proceed with, continue and finish the grading on Manatawna street, in the upper part of the Twenty-first Ward, so that the same be made passable for horses and vehicles; the sum to be expended not to exceed three hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 139.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee of Highways, &c., have had under consideration petitions for re-paving Mechanic street, in the Sixteenth Ward, Relief street, in the Fifth Ward, and Stanley street in the Fourth Ward, and therefore, they respectfully report, That the cartway of each of the said streets is only of sufficient width to admit the passage of one vehicle, and because of the wheels always running in the same track, the pavements are soon worn out, and almost constant repairing is required.

And the Committee are, therefore, of the opinion that economy suggests that all such streets should be paved with tramways in each gutter. This kind of pavement is more costly at first, but its much greater durability renders it far less costly in a period of twenty or twenty-five years, than the ordinary pebble pavement.

The Committee, therefore, recommend to Councils the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Sept. 4, 1856.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to proceed by contract, to re-pave with tramway gutter stone, Mechanic street from Culvert to George street, in the Sixteenth Ward, Relief street from Front to Second street, in the Fifth Ward, and Stanley street from Third to Fourth street, in the Fourth Ward.

Resolved, That should the said Department deem it necessary in the re-paving of the said streets, they are hereby authorized to reduce the cartway of each of the said streets to such width as they may deem expedient; and in making such reduction, an equal portion shall be taken from each side.

APPENDIX No. 140.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred a Supplimentary Ordinance, passed by Select Council, modifying an Ordinance approved May 17th, 1856, report, That they have given the subject a careful examination, and have agreed for reasons as follows, to report a supplement in place of the supplement of Select Council, which they think more full and expressive.

The Ordinance of the seventeenth of May, 1856, was intended to prevent labor being done, or materials being purchased for any of the Departments, unless the authority to contract for such labor and materials

was given by Ordinance of Council ; except the labor and materials necessary to make such repairs as was rendered necessary by accident or unforeseen emergency.

There is also a joint Resolution, approved May 31, 1856, intended to explain and enforce the Ordinance which directs the City Controller to withhold his approval from all Warrants drawn by the City Commissioners, and the Department of Highways, for supplies contracted for in violation of the Ordinance of May 17th, 1856.

In obedience to this Resolution, the Controller has refused to approve warrants drawn by the Chief Commissioner on Highways, unless the Chief Commissioner would vouch that the bills were contracted for under an Ordinance of Council, or in consequence of an accident, or an unforeseen emergency.

It was impossible that this could be done in some cases. The late Controller and the late head of the Highway Department had put a different construction on the law ; the Highway Department had assumed to do repairs made necessary by ordinary wear and tear, as well as that made necessary by accident and emergency ; and the late and the present Controller up to a certain date had approved warrants drawn for such repairs.

When the present Chief Commissioner of Highways came into office, he found this construction of the law in practice. He made no change in the practice of the Department in this regard, but continued to make the repairs rendered necessary by ordinary wear and tear, with the approbation of the Committee on Highways, of both Chambers.

The present Controller, however, on a close examination of the law, felt himself called upon to withhold his approval from all warrants drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways for repairs made otherwise than where an accident or emergency called for them. This state of things is annoying to the Controller and the Chief Commissioner of Highways, and is making much dissatisfaction on the part of those

who have furnished supplies to the Highway Department; it is to relieve the state of embarrassment occasioned by this state of things that the Supplement annexed is proposed. The Committee believe it will not impair the force of the wise restrictions of the Ordinance in question.

The Department of Highways will still be restricted from doing any new work. It cannot build a bridge or culvert, pave or grade a street, or do any other work but that which is rendered necessary by ordinary wear and tear, or by accident or emergency. Prompt repairs to bridges, culverts, and highways of the City, are indispensable; and this promptness of repairs can only be secured by leaving it in charge of the Highway Department.

If the action of Councils be required before repairs can be made to bridges, sewers and highways, the public interests will suffer, for much time must necessarily elapse before the concurrent action of Councils can be had.

The proper time to repair a highway is before its broken condition renders it unfit for public travel; the proper time to make a repair to a culvert is previous to a break in it, occasioning an overflow, doing damage to private property; and the proper time to make a repair to a bridge is before its rotten planks have plunged the horse and rider into the stream.

The Chief Commissioner of Highways should be a man of intelligence and strict integrity; undue restraint is unnecessary. When such men are at the head of Departments they are a law to themselves. Undue restraint is not only unnecessary in such cases, it is annoying and embarrassing, and will prove detrimental to the public service.

It is also an obstruction in the way of procuring the best men for these positions; a man with a nice sense of honor will not put himself forward for a situation where he is trammelled by being watched and goaded; the unscrupulous who can always find an opportunity to evade the law, and set aside its most stringent requirements, will fill the situations of trust and respon-

sibility where such a system of legislation is adopted.

For these reasons, and others that might be urged, your Committee believe the public interest will be promoted by adopting this Supplement.

THOS. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,

ALFRED CREASE.

THOMAS POTTER.

J. G. SORVER,

WM. ELLIOTT,

JOHN M. FORD,

Sept. 18, 1856.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to forbid that any work shall be done without the authority of Councils," approved May 17, 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That so much of the Ordinance to which this is a Supplement, as prohibits the Department of Highways from employing laborers and others, and purchasing the materials required, in order to keep in proper repair all streets, bridges and culverts, or for the cleansing of the streets, or that prohibits said Department from making the necessary purchases and contracts for incidental office expenses be, and the same is hereby repealed, and the said Department shall have authority to employ such laborers and others, and make such purchases as may be necessary to keep in good condition all the streets, bridges and culverts, belonging to the City, whether such repairs, or cleansing, or purchases may be rendered necessary by accident, unforeseen emergency, or by ordinary wear and tear.

SECTION 2. The Controller be, and he is hereby directed to approve all bills for labor or materials furnished for repairs of streets, bridges, or culverts, for the cleansing of streets, or for the incidental office expenses which may be hereafter, or have been contracted since, by the Department of Highways.

APPENDIX No. 141.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Gas Works report an Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain expenses incurred in lighting the City, and ask that the same be passed.

PIERCE BUTLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
ABM. BAKER,
JOHN PORTER.

Sept. 18, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain expenses incurred in lighting the City.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three hundred and eighty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following expenses incurred in lighting the City, that is to say :

To Sheets & Duffy, for camphine lamps, one hundred and twenty-three dollars and fifty cents.

To Abraham Myers, arrears of salary as Superintendent of Lamps, in full seventy dollars and eighty-three cents.

To William Tustin, wages for labor in setting lamp posts, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents.

To Joseph Richards, for similar services, twenty dollars and sixty-two cents.

To Jacob Apple, for similar services, eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents.

To John Horn, for repairs to lamps, and for alcohol, forty one dollars and seventy-four cents.

To McCambridge, Fry & Co., for lamp-cocks, thirty-six dollars.

To Samuel H. Whilt, for storage of fluid for lamps, fourteen dollars.

To Abraham Ruth, for same, fourteen dollars.

To Enos Prizer, for hauling lamp-posts, twelve dollars.

To Neal, Matthews & Moore, for lamp-post tops, rails, and hauling, seven dollars and forty-four cents.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriations shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, and charged to the appropriation made in an Ordinance approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An Ordinance providing for lighting and extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps."

APPENDIX No. 142.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petition for the re-paving of Chestnut street, from the west side of Delaware Avenue to the east side of Water street, and are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted—in view of which they submit the accompanying Resolution, and recommend that it be adopted.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOMAS POTTER,
JOHN M. FORD,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Sept. 18, 1856.

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the re-paving of Chestnut street between Delaware Avenue and Water street.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Highways be and are hereby authorized to re-pave Chestnut street from the west side of Delaware Avenue to the east side of Water street, or such portion thereof as they may deem expedient.

APPENDIX No. 143.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., have examined the enclosed resolution from Select Council, directing the Board of Commissioners of Highways, to complete the grading of Thirty-fifth street and Chelton Avenue; also, to grade and pave Girard Avenue from Sixth to Seventh street, provided the City shall be at no expense for said paving, except for the intersections—and are of the opinion that said work should be done, and recommend that Common Council concur in the adoption of the same.

WM. ELLIOTT, *Chairman*,
 THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
 J. G. SORVER,
 THOMAS POTTER,
 JOHN M. FORD.

Sept. 11, 1856.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils that the Board of Commissioners of Highways be, and they are hereby directed to complete the grading, by contract, of Thirty-fifth street, from Lancaster Avenue to Bridge street, and Chelton Avenue from Germantown Avenue to Wayne Avenue.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to proceed with the grading and paving of Girard Avenue from Sixth to Seventh streets, *Provided*, The City shall be at no expense for the said paving, except for the intersections of the same, and provided also, that the water pipe shall be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

APPENDIX No. 144.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petitions for paving the several streets named in the within Resolution, and are of the opinion that the same ought to be paved.

They would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the Resolution herewith submitted.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOMAS POTTER,
JOHN M. FORD.

Sept. 11, 1856.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the owners of property, or a majority thereof, on Centre street from Twenty-first to Twenty-third street, Twenty-first street from Wallace to Spring Garden street, Twenty-second street from Green to Spring Garden street, Twenty-third street from Wallace to Spring Garden street, in the Fifteenth Ward, and Montrose street from Christian to Carpenter street, in the First Ward be, and they are hereby authorized to have the said streets paved at their own cost and expense, provided that the same be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways; and the parties contracting to do the same shall enter into an agreement to keep said streets in good repair, at their own cost and expense, for a period of twelve months from the time they were opened for public use; and provided further, that the water pipes shall be first laid in the said streets, and the City shall be at no expense for the said paving except at the intersections.

APPENDIX No. 145.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the enclosed resolution from Select Council, providing for the completion of the grading of Tenth street, from Montgomery street to the Township line road, report that they have examined the same, and have agreed to submit the following substitute therefor, with the recommendation that the same be adopted.

THOMAS POTTER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD.

Sept. 8, 1856.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Board of Commissioners of Highways be, and they are hereby directed to continue the grading of Tenth street, from Montgomery street to the Township line road, in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards.

Provided, That so much of the grading be continued as to make the said street passable for wagons, &c., and that the contract price therefor shall not exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils that the Board of Commissioners of Highways be, and they are hereby directed to complete the grading of Tenth street, from Montgomery street to the Township Line road, in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards. *Provided*, That the contract price thereof shall not exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 146.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the Resolution from Select Council authorizing the grading and paving of Twelfth street, from Stiles street to Columbia avenue; also, Delaware avenue, from Callowhill street to Cohocksink Creek and Poplar street, and beg leave respectfully to report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Sept. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the owners of property on Twelfth street, from Stiles street to Columbia avenue, and on Apple street, from Diamond street to Susquehanna avenue, and on Delaware avenue, from Callowhill street to Cohocksink creek and Poplar street, be, and they are hereby authorized to grade and pave said streets, under the supervision of the Department of Highways: *Provided*, That the City shall be at no expense for the said paving, except for the intersections; and provided further, that the property owners obligate themselves to keep the said streets in repair for the period of one year, from the completion of the work.

APPENDIX No. 147.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the Ordinance from Select Coun-

cil, making an appropriation for repairs to the Wire Bridge, have had the subject under consideration and report the same back as committed, with the recommendation that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT.

JESSE T. VODGES,
D. BEVAN,
FRANCIS McMANUS,
C. B. F. O'NEILL.

Sept. 4, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

Making an appropriation for repairs to the Wire Bridge.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Commissioner of City Property, under the direction of the Committee on City Property, shall cause the Wire Bridge to be repaired and painted, and that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to cover the expenses of repairing and painting the same.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the expenses of such repairs shall be drawn in the usual form by the Commissioner of City Property.

APPENDIX No. 148.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, That they have inquired into the sufficiency of the sureties offered by S. P. Fearon, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, viz: Henry Bickley and William F. Potts. The Committee offer the following Resolution and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the sureties submitted by J. P. Fearon, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, viz :

Henry Bickley and William F. Potts, be approved, and the Solicitor directed to prepare the bond and have the same entered of record.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.
JOHN K. FINDLAY.
ABM. BAKER.

Sept. 4, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—I offer the names of the following gentlemen as my sureties, for the office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of Philadelphia:

Mr. Henry Bickley, gentleman, 117 Locust street.
Mr. Wm. F. Potts, Iron Merchant, 461 Market st.
S. P. FEARON.

Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 149.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the use of the Debtors' Apartment thereof, report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.
JOHN K. FINDLAY.

Sept, 4, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison for the use of the Debtors' Apartment thereof.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the following purposes, for the year 1856.

1. For salary of the Keeper of the Debtors' Apartment,	\$700 00
2. Fuel for the Debtors' Apartment,	300 00
3. Supplies for the subsistence of the prisoners at such rates as may be determined upon by the Inspectors aforesaid,	500 00
4. Such repairs to the Debtors Apartment as the said Inspectors may deem necessary,	300 00
5. The introduction and payment of Gas therein,	100 00
6. Incidentals,	100 00

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn in the manner and form, and with the requisites set forth in an Ordinance approved September 1, 1854, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Inspectors of the County Prison."

APPENDIX No. 150.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Water Works to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Finance of the Select Council, in relation to the claim of Messrs. Birkenbine & Trotter, with Ordinance annexed, for the payment of said claim, respectfully recommend that the said report with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee on Finance of this Chamber.

Respectfully submitted.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
WM. HORROCKS,
ANDREW J. HOLLMAN,
JOS. P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
CHARLES E. LEX.

Sept. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 151.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Water Works having had under consideration a Resolution from Select Council, authorizing water pipe to be laid on Nineteenth street, from South to Shippen street;

Bedford street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth street; and Shippen street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth street,

Respectfully recommend the concurrence of this Chamber upon said Resolution.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That water pipe be laid on Nineteenth street, from South to Shippen street;

Bedford street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth street; Shippen street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth street;

Passyunk Road, from Tenth to Broad street;

Delaware Avenue, from Callowhill street to Cohocksink Creek and Poplar street; and on

Coral street, between Cumberland and Adams street.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM HORROCKS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
BENJ. F. WRIGHT.
CHARLES E. LEX.

Sept. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 152.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Water having had under consideration a Resolution from Select

Council, authorizing the laying* of water pipe on Harwood street, between York street and Cumberland Avenue.

Girard Avenue, from Seventh to Tenth street;

Bradford Alley, from Seventh to Eighth, south of Lombard street,

Respectfully recommend the concurrence of this Chamber upon said resolution.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That water pipe be laid on Howard street, between York street and Cumberland Avenue;

Girard Avenue, from Seventh to Tenth street;

Bradford's Alley, between Seventh and Eighth, south from Lombard street.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
WM. HORROCKS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOS. P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
CHAS. E. LEX.

Sept. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 153.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Water Works respectfully report, That they have had under consideration the following petitions, referred to them by this Chamber, and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby authorized to cause water pipe to be laid in the following streets:

Eagle street, between Lexington and Oneida streets; Letitia street, north of Chestnut street; Chestnut avenue, from Walnut to Church street; Franklin street, from Jefferson Avenue to Second street; Sutherland

Avenue to Glass House: Meredith street, from Beach to Bank street; Capital street, from Brown to Parrish street; Twenty-first street, from Chestnut to George street; Marshall street, from Oxford to Montgomery street; Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Germantown Road; Carlton street, between Thirteenth and Wood streets; Monroe street, from Palmer to Cherry street; Bridge street, to supply State Rail Road Engine House, about two squares; Fitzwater street, from Long Lane to Nineteenth street; Twenty-first street, between Spring Garden and Coates street; Poplar street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth street.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
 JOSEPH P. FITLER,
 ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
 WILLIAM HORROCKS,
 BENJ. F. WRIGHT,
 CHAS. E. LEX.

Sept. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 154.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., have examined the petitions of owners of property on Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Germantown Road, and Mervine street, between Master and Jefferson streets, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted and said streets paved; they would therefore submit the following resolution, with a recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
 J. G. SORVER,
 THOMAS POTTER,
 ALFRED CREASE,
 THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Sept. 18, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, on Mervine street, between Master and Jefferson streets, in the Twentieth Ward, and Sixth street, between Montgomery street and the Germantown Road be, and are hereby authorized to have said streets paved, *Provided*, the parties contracting to pave the same enter into an agreement to keep the said streets in good order for the space of one year from the time they are opened for public use, *And furthermore provided*, That the water pipe be laid therein, and that said paving be done without cost to the City, except for the paving of the intersections.

APPENDIX No. 155.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the Resolution of Select Council, directing that Queen and Sharpnack streets, in the Twenty-second Ward, be graded; are of the opinion that said work should be done, and would recommend that this body concur in the passage of the same.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
J. G. SORVER,
ALFRED CREASE,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Sept. 18, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to have Queen street, between Germantown and Wayne avenues; Sharpnack street, between Germantown avenue

and Chew street, Twenty-second Ward, graded ; and also, that said Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to notify the owners of property along said street, between said avenues, that they shall curb and pave the side-walks within sixty days ; the cost for grading thereof not to exceed the sum of three hundred dollars for each street.

APPENDIX No. 156.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition of owners of property on Girard avenue, between Seventh and Tenth streets, asking the privilege of paving the same, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and with that view, submit the following Resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the property owners or a majority thereof on Girard avenue, between Seventh and Tenth streets, in the Twentieth Ward, be and they are hereby authorized to pave the same at their own proper cost and expense. Provided, That such paving be done under the supervision of the Highway Department, and the parties contracting for the same shall enter into an agreement to keep said street in good order for at least twelve months from the time it is opened for public use. And provided further, That the City shall not be at any expense for the same, except for the paving of the intersections, and the curbing of the spaces set apart for public markets, and that the water pipes be first laid therein.

Resolved, That the Highway Department be, and are hereby authorized and directed upon the commencement of the paving of Girard avenue, as directed in

the foregoing Resolution, to curb the market spaces reserved therein for public use.

Respectfully submitted.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
J. G. SORVER,
ALFRED CREASE,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Sept. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 157.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on City Property to whom was referred the communication of Eugene Ahern, City Commissioner, asking an appropriation to renew certain insurances, now expired, ask leave to report the accompanying Ordinance, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
WM. ELLIOTT,
D. BEVAN,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

Sept. 18, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Commissioner of City Property, for the purposes therein mentioned.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seventy-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of City Property, for the purpose of paying certain Insurances on City Carpenter Shop.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the same, shall be drawn by the City Commissioner in the usual manner.

APPENDIX No. 158.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Health, to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Health, asking for an appropriation to the City Hospital, are of the opinion, that its proper reference would be to the Committee on Finance: they therefore respectfully report the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the communication from the Board of Health, asking for an appropriation to the City Hospital, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the Committee on Health be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SAMUEL BARTON, *Chairman*,
A. J. CATHERWOOD,
M. A. BOYLE,
JOSEPH P. FITLER.

Sept. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 159.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Health, to whom was referred a communication from the Board of Health, under date of August 28th, in reference to the location of the proposed City Hospital, make the following report:

The location of a Hospital is at all times a subject of much interest and consequence to all classes of our citizens, particularly so in the present instance. It is well known that there are and will be objections by the residents of any neighborhood in which it may be desirable to locate it, from the fact that it is regarded by many to be of a pestilential character, the

obnoxious effects of which we hope and think is more in the imagination than real. It should be in a situation, however, as little objectionable on that account as possible. At the same time, proper regard and consideration should also be had for those unfortunate ones for whose especial benefit it is to be erected.

First—As to convenience for the removal of patients thereto, care should be taken to have it as near and as easy of access as prudence will allow.

Secondly—It should be in a healthy and salubrious locality, looking to the recovery and convalescence of its patients, and also to the safety and comfort of all who may have charge of it, or be employed therein; thus making it really what it professedly is and ought to be—an institution of benevolence and usefulness.

In view of the importance of the subject, the Committee beg to offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Health of each Chamber of Councils, be directed to confer with the Sanitary Committee of the Board of Health, in reference to the selection of a suitable site for the erection of the City Hospital, and report to Councils.

SAMUEL BARTON, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
ANDREW J. CATHERWOOD,
M. A. BOYLE.

Sept. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 160.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Law recommend the concurrence of this Chamber on the following Resolution, passed by Select Council.

Resolved, That the place for holding the elections in the Third Division of the Twentieth Ward, shall be at the house of Matthew Smith, in Eleventh street, between Columbia avenue and Oxford street.

Resolved, That the place for holding the elections in the Eighth Division of the Twentieth Ward, shall be at the house of Edward Goetz, at the corner of Thirty-second and Thompson streets.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
WM. BRADFORD,
WILLIAM DEAL,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
CHARLES E. LEX,
HENRY T. KING.

Sept. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 161.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the President of the "Board of Inspectors of the Philadelphia County Prison," for an additional appropriation of \$20,500 for the current year, respectfully report, That in the application referred to, it is stated "That the present Board of Inspectors, on coming into office, (July, 1856,) found an exhausted treasury, and feel compelled to ask for \$20,500, to carry them through the year." As the late Councils had made an appropriation for the entire year of 1856, which they believed to be sufficient, your Committee conceive it to be their duty to enquire how the treasury became "exhausted" in six months. In the course of their investigations, they discovered what they believe to be one of the causes of this exhaustion, and which they deem it to be their duty to lay before Councils and the public; for this purpose they

have procured at the prison an account, of which the following is a copy, viz :

“The expenses of the Inspectors of the Prison from July 1, 1855, to July 7, 1856.

For Inspector's Table, -	-	-	\$2,413 67
“ Segars and Tobacco, -	-	-	2,422 01
“ Brandy and Wine, -	-	-	447 25
“ Stationery, -	-	-	192 00
“ Omnibus Tickets, -	-	-	1,064 00

\$6,538 93

Of this amount about two thousand dollars were drawn from the City Treasury, and the balance, four thousand, five hundred and thirty-eight dollars and ninety-three cents, from the treasury of the Prison.”

The items composing the above charge of two thousand, four hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty-seven cents, for the Inspectors' table, are curious; among them figure largely soft-shell almonds, ice-cream and all the delicacies of the season. Segars are charged at from thirty dollars to forty dollars per thousand, and the large number paid for, about sixty-five thousand in a year, or twelve hundred and fifty per week, precludes the idea that they were consumed at the prison. The omnibus tickets charged for were not exclusively of the line leading to the prison. In the course of their investigations, your Committee discovered the following bill, paid from the Treasury of the Prison, viz :

Philadelphia, August 21, 1855.

Mr. E. E. Jones, (one of the late Inspectors.)

Bought of Wm. McKeever,	
1 quarter cask O K Brandy, 42 galls., \$7,	\$294 00
Porterage, - - - -	1 25

\$295 25

It appears that this feasting, drinking, and smoking was not confined within the walls of the Prison, for, in addition to the above, there is a considerable amount charged to a celebrated epicurean Eating house on Chestnut street, where it seems these persons were in the habit of resorting and feasting at the

public expense. Your Committee endeavored to obtain the bills for these feasts and banquets, but they were not to be found at the Prison; they, however, succeeded in procuring four of them from another source, of which the following are copies:—

Inspectors of the Prison,

Dr.

Bill No. 1.

Sardines,	\$ 2 00	
10 Bottles Champagne, \$2,	20 00	
6 do. Old Hock, \$2,	12 00	
2 do. Old Sherry, \$2 50,	5 00	
1 do. Whiskey,	1 00	
14 Drinks,	1 75	
3 Bottles Brandy, \$2,	6 00	
350 Victoria Segars,	17 50	
26 Dinners, \$2,	52 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ Doz. Mineral Water,	75	
	<hr/>	\$118,00

Bill No. 2.

1 Bottle Brandy,	2 00	
1 do. Whiskey,	1 00	
6 do. Champagne,	12 00	
2 do. Old Sherry,	5 00	
3 do. Hock,	4 50	
150 Victoria Segars,	7 50	
16 Dinners,	32 00	
	<hr/>	64,00

Bill No. 3.

16 Dinners,	32 00	
2 Bottles Brandy,	4 00	
6 do. Champagne,	12 00	
1 do. Whiskey,	1 00	
2 do. Old Sherry,	5 00	
4 do. Old Hock, \$2 50,	10 00	
200 Segars, at 6 cents,	12 00	
	<hr/>	76,00

Bill No. 4.

11 Dinners,	11 00	
1 Bottle Whiskey,	1 00	
1 do. Brandy,	2 00	
3 do. Champagne,	6 00	

2 do. Sherry,	5 01	
2 do. Hock,	5 00	
100 Segars, at 6 cents,	6 00	
1 Doz. Mineral Water,	1 50	
		37,50

Some of these expenditures have occurred since the passage of the Act of Assembly, approved May 13, 1856, the 25th section of which is as follows, viz :

"That it shall not be lawful for any Department or Committee of said City, or the officers thereof, or for the Prison Inspectors, to draw any moneys out of the City Treasury, or to use any savings, or the proceeds of the sales of any work or materials, for or in any office, department or prison, or any revenues whatsoever thereof, for any entertainment, eating, drinking, or smoking, furnished to any members or officers of said City, corporation departments or offices thereof, or of said Prison, but shall pay the whole of the said moneys into the City Treasury," &c.

Under this Act of Assembly it is a question whether the persons guilty of its violation cannot be reached, and made to refund to the City a portion of the sum expended in this profligate and shameful manner.

The present highly respectable Board of Inspectors, eleven in number, were appointed under the Act of Assembly above quoted, by the Supreme and other Courts, and entered on their duties the first Monday of July last. Under their administration, an entirely different order of things prevail. Immediately upon entering on their duties, they commenced the work of reformation, stopped off all feasting, drinking and smoking, and from that time forth there has been no expenditure of the public money for any thing of the kind, and perhaps for the first time in the history of the County Prison, the account settled for the month of August, contains no charge against that mysterious item of appropriation—"Incidentals."

Among other important reforms, the present Board discharged a number of useless officers and employees, who seem to have filled places created merely for their accommodation, by which there will be a saving to

the City, in salaries alone, of near \$4,000, without in the least interfering with the good government and efficiency of the Prison. The President of the Board has expressed the opinion, that there can be saved to the City, annually, from twenty to forty thousand dollars, by judicious management and stopping off the shameful abuses that have heretofore existed.

Your Committee congratulate Councils and the taxpayers of the City, that a new system in the government of the Prison is inaugurated, and that it is now under the charge of gentlemen who would scorn the idea of sponging on that portion of the public purse committed to their care, in a round of frolicking, drinking and smoking. To satisfy Councils and the public on this subject, it is only necessary to state that the following highly respectable citizens compose the present Board of Inspectors, viz:—M. W. Baldwin, John B. Biddle, M. D., Stephen Colwell, Wm. B. Foster, John Foulkrod, Isaac B. Garrigues, Paul B. Goddard, M. D., Wm. B. Johnston, J. Rodman Paul, M. D., Evans Rogers, and Wm. Shippen, M. D. There can be no apprehension that such a Board as this will ever betray or abuse a trust confided to it.

Your Committee, after diligently investigating the subject, have unanimously arrived at the conclusion, that an additional appropriation of \$15,000 for the year 1856, is absolutely necessary. They, therefore, submit an Ordinance for that purpose, and also a Resolution, transferring certain items of appropriation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Sept. 24, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an additional appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the

City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the County Prison for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, the same to be applied as follows:—

For supplies to the Prison for subsistence of prisoners, and other supplies, the sum of fourteen thousand eight hundred and forty-five dollars.

For fuel, the sum of one hundred and fifty-five dollars.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn in the manner and form, and with the requisites set forth in the second and third Sections of an Ordinance approved September 7th, 1854, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Inspectors of the Prison.”

RESOLUTION

To change certain items of appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison.

Resolved, That so much of the appropriation as was made to the Inspectors of the Prison, on the eleventh day of March last, as shall amount to twenty six hundred and fifty dollars, be transferred as follows:

From salaries to fuel account, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

From salaries to gas account, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

From clothing and bedding to repairs to Prison buildings, the sum of nine hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 162.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance from the Select Council, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay a certain

balance due upon a contract for the construction of the Water Works in West Philadelphia," respectfully report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Sept. 24, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay a certain balance due upon a contract for the construction of the Water Works in West Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of sixteen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department for supplying the City with water, for the purpose of paying in full to Messrs. Berkinbine & Trotter the balance due them for the construction of the West Philadelphia Water Works.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Water Department in the manner and form, and with the requisites set forth in existing Ordinances, authorizing the drawing of money from the City Treasury.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2, 1856.

Samuel Ogden, Esq., Chief Engineer of Water Works.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your inquiry, I state that in November, 1855, the Watering Committee, in accordance with the report of Chief Engineer Graeff, to whom the matter had been referred, finally settled the account of Berkinbine & Trotter, finding due to said Berkinbine & Trotter the sum of \$30,587 26, of which the sum of \$14,587 26 was then paid, leaving the sum of \$16,000 to be paid to them at the expiration of the year, during which they were to keep the works running. It appears, by a Resolution passed by the Watering Committee on December 4, 1855, that this year would terminate on September 1, 1856, and I annex

hereto a certificate to the same effect from Frederick Graeff, Esq., the former Chief Engineer, which he has addressed to me.

Very respectfully, &c.

WM. A. PORTER,

City Solicitor.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. —, 1856.

George L. Ashmead, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:—By the terms of the contract with Messrs. Berkinbine & Trotter, for the construction of Water Works in Twenty-fourth Ward, they were bound to keep the engines in order, supply fuel, &c., and properly supply the Ward with water for a period of one year. A sum of sixteen thousand dollars was to be retained as security for the performance of said work. The engines were started August 22, 1855; but they did not commence fairly to supply the Ward until September 1, 1855. The year during which Messrs. Berkinbine & Trotter were bound to run the engines per contract, therefore, expired September 1, 1856. As they have complied with their part of the contract, they are now entitled to receive the amount retained as security.

Very respectfully,

FREDERICK GRAEFF.

APPENDIX No. 163.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby directed to take into consideration the present financial condition of the City, and prepare and report as early as possible to this Chamber, some measure by which the present state of the City Finances may be improved. have had the same under

consideration, and submit the following report, That in compliance with the first part of the Resolution, they applied to the City Controller to give them a tabular statement of the finances of the City, up to the 1st of September, 1856, which he cheerfully gave, and which your Committee hereunto append as part of this report; they however deem it proper to state that his statement does not embrace the entire deficit, from the fact that he has not made any allowance or abatement from the taxes to be collected for the years 1854, 1855, and 1856. Neither has he included several items of indebtedness and receipts, the balance of which your Committee think should be provided for, and are hereunto annexed, viz.:

Deficit as per Controller's statement,	\$470,277 64
“ Brown Property,	79,500 00
“ Birkenbine & Trotter's Claim,	16,000 00
“ Judgment Schuylkill Navigation Co.	13,000 00
“ Interest on Outstanding Warrants,	30,000 00
“ In. on Funded Debt not called for,	30,000 00
“ Principal do. do.	38,622 09
“ to meet Old Claims,	10,000 00
“ Loan to erect Chesnut street Bridge, used for City purposes,	100,000 00
“ Allowance for Tax Duplicate, 1854,	125,000 00
“ “ “ 1855,	100,000 00
“ “ “ 1856,	98,000 00

Making a total of	\$1,110,399 73
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From which your Committee deduct

Amount paid to Sinking Fund,	\$134,276 47
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Dividend Penn. R. R.	170,000 00
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“ North-Western “	22,500 00
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“ Interest on Gas Loan,	13,500 00
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“ In. on new Gas Loan,	7,500 00—\$347,776 47
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By adding and subtracting the above

items, the deficit is	762,623 26
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This sum your Committee believe will cover the existing indebtedness or floating debt of the City unprovided for; but your Committee are aware that there

are applications now before Councils from the Guardians of the Poor, Inspectors of the County Prison, and others, for additional appropriations, and without expressing any opinion in reference to these extra appropriations, deem it prudent to bring them to your notice, that you may act understandingly in the premises.

With this brief, but we trust comprehensive statement as to the financial condition of the City, your Committee will now proceed to notice the last and most important part of the Resolution; "to report some measure by which the present state of the City finances may be improved;" this is a question of grave import, and one involving careful investigation; your Committee can therefore only suggest the remedy presenting itself to their minds, leaving it to the calm deliberation of Councils to accept or reject their recommendations.

First. Your Committee urge the immediate sale of all the Real Estate belonging to the City that is not required for public use, which by the Act of Assembly of the 21st of April, A. D. 1855, entitled "A Supplement to the Act Consolidating the City," is authorized to be sold to pay debts, and which is demanded by every consideration of wise economy, sound policy and the public good.

Second. Your Committee deem it of the utmost importance, that Councils should scrutinize closely every bill brought before them for additional appropriations, believing as they do, that legislation of this nature has to a great extent caused our present financial condition.

Third and last. Your Committee are of the opinion that no system of finance should be permitted that looks to loans to meet the ordinary expenses of the Government; still, as the deficit is a legacy bequeathed by Consolidation, and matters connected therewith, together with an insufficient rate of taxation the first year after Consolidation, deem it proper to recommend to Councils the propriety of funding the present deficit. They, therefore, submit the following

Ordinance, with a Resolution annexed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized and required to publish in two daily newspapers of this City, daily for four weeks, the Ordinance presented to the Common Council, at a stated meeting thereof held on the 25th day of September, 1856, entitled, "An Ordinance to authorize a Loan to pay claims against the Corporation;" and the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils next after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of the said newspapers for every day in which the same shall have been made.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOS. CRAVEN,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Sept. 24, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize a Loan to pay Claims against the Corporation.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain. That the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia be, and he hereby is authorized to borrow, at not less than par, on the credit of the city corporation, from time to time, as may be required by the City Treasurer, such sums of money as may be necessary to pay claims now existing against the said corporation, not exceeding in the whole the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars, for which interest, not to exceed the rate of six per cent. per annum, shall be paid half-yearly, on the first day of January and July, at the office of the City Treasurer. The principal of said loan shall be payable and paid at the expiration of thirty years from the date of the same, and not before, without the consent of the holders thereof, and certificates therefor, in the usual form of certificates of city loan, shall be issued in such

amounts as the lenders may require, but not for any fractional part of one hundred dollars, or, if required, in amounts of five hundred or one thousand dollars; and it shall be expressed in said certificates that the said loan therein mentioned, and the interest thereof, are payable free from all taxes.

SECTION 2. Whenever any loan shall be made by virtue hereof, there shall be, by force of this Ordinance, annually appropriated, out of the income of the corporate estates, and from the sum raised by taxation, a sum sufficient to pay the interest on said certificates, and the further sum of three-tenths of one per centum on the par value of such certificates so issued, shall be appropriated quarterly, out of said income and taxes, to a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby specifically pledged for the redemption and payment of said certificates.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,

September 15th, 1856.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor herewith to furnish you, for the use of the Financial Committees of Councils, a Tabular Statement, embracing the matter desired in your communication of the 3d inst.

Respectfully,

Your obt. servant,

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

DATE 1855.	PURPOSE.	Appropriations.	Warrants issued.
Nov. 30,	Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, . . .	\$21,800 00	\$20,075 00
Dec. 29,	Principal of the Funded Debt, . . .	159,150 00	152,092 66
" 29,	Interest on certain indebtedness, . . .	20,000 00	14,617 10
" 29,	Interest on the Funded Debt, . . .	500,000 00	454,400 17
1856.			
June 23,	" " " " . . .	525,000 00	456,937 28
1855.	DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.		
Dec. 29,	To pay claims on contracts, . . .	27,224 49	27,219 48
1856.			
Jan. 3,	" Road Damages, . . .	21,211 00	21,211 00
Mar. 28,	" Bills of 1855, and expenses of 1856, . . .	373,839 00	227,052 72
April 24,	" Opening Franklin street, . . .	2,572 50	
May 7,	" Girard Avenue Bridge, (special) . . .	16,316 30	16,123 79
	CONTROLLERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.		
Jan. 19,	Re-appropriated for 1855, . . .	65,048 69	65,048 69
" 19,	Salaries, &c., for 1856, . . .	36,900 00	36,900 00
Mar. 31,	Annual Appropriation for 1856, . . .	472,232 00	181,306 89
" 31,	Additional " " 1856, . . .	3,188 33	3,188 33
July 11,	Additional " " 1856, . . .	4,047 90	4,047 90
Feb. 1,	Clerks of Councils for 1855, . . .	8,293 06	8,293 06
Mar. 11,	" " 1856, . . .	35,000 00	18,375 96
Feb. 16,	Lighting the City for 1856, . . .	225,000 00	112,725 85
	POLICE DEPARTMENT.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	398,408 27	243,612 51
May 7,	To pay Expenses of 1854 and 1855, . . .	446 90	436 79
	DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and Expenses of 1856, . . .	51,329 23	27,146 36
	LAW DEPARTMENT.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	28,229 70	19,689 69
May 7,	Judgment against the City, George Kelly's, . . .	3,923 63	3,923 63
" 8,	Expenses of Digest of the laws of the City, . . .	5,796 25	5,796 25
	DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING WATER.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	141,138 75	60,351 48
Aug. 27,	Repairing Fairmount Dam, . . .	5,000 00	400 00
	DEPARTMENT OF CITY COMMISSIONERS.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	188,015 94	142,065 05
April 17,	To pay bills of 1854 and 1855, . . .	9,330 49	9,330 49
	DEPARTMENT OF RECEIVER OF TAXES.		
Mar. 11,	To Pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	29,168 44	21,391 90
Mar. 31,	To pay bills of 1854, . . .	10,000 00	10,000 00
	DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS.		
Mar. 11,	Outstanding claims and expenses of 1856, . . .	36,009 41	15,529 18
	DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	10,435 35	7,623 00
April 6,	To pay bills of 1855, . . .	1,905 75	1,905 75
	DEPARTMENT OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	14,082 17	6,866 81
Mar. 11,	To pay State Taxes of 1855, . . .	303 00	
	FIRE DEPARTMENT.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	34,452 00	11,517 88
May 2,	Steam Fire Engine, . . .	1,765 00	352 75
	DEPARTMENT OF CITY CONTROLLER.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	12,650 00	9,549 53
	DEPARTMENT OF CITY TREASURER.		
Mar. 11,	Expenses of 1856, . . .	12,000 00	6,513 63
April 17,	To pay bills of 1854 and 1855, . . .	3,744 63	3,732 63
	BOARD OF HEALTH.		
Mar. 11,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	37,933 82	22,736 84
May 2,	To pay Vaccine Physicians for 1855 and 1856, . . .	5,000 00	1,581 82
	BOARD OF GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.		
Mar. 18,	To pay bills of 1855 and expenses of 1856, . . .	211,363 42	155,333 74

REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER:

Warrants Counters'd.	Warrants Paid.	Bills due over warrants issued.	Balance of appropriat'ns.	Required current year over appro- priations.	Outstanding warrants, 1855.	Receipts of City Treasu- rer.
20,075 00	20,075 00		1,725 00			
152,092 66	152,092 66		7,067 34			
14,617 10	14,617 10		5,382 90			
454,400 17	454,400 17		45,599 83			
456,937 28	456,937 28		68,062 72			717 13
27,219 48			5 01			
17,350 00						
224,947 68	189,133 83		146,776 28		114,783 81	24,078 33
16,117 79			2,572 50			
			192 51			
65,048 69						
36,900 00						
181,306 89	257,431 53		290,925 11		78,707 88	
3,188 33						
4,047 90						
8,293 06					1,225 24	
18,375 96	25,120 84		16,624 04			
112,725 85	87,993 73		112,274 15		25,364 71	51 00
243,600 51			154,795 76			
436 79	189,331 68		10 11		106,984 22	41 10
27,146 36	21,229 64		24,182 87		7,257 02	23,227 59
19,625 37	19,018 62	799 72	7,740 29	2,025 00		33,921 46
3,923 63	3,923 63				102 23	
5,796 25	4,996 25		800 00			
60,332 12			80,787 27	2,000 00	15,046 04	365 66
400 00	48,642 58		4,600 00			
140,458 28			45,950 89		9,843 30	
9,330 49	126,513 39	20,857 80		24,357 80	524 37	
21,391 90	21,249 90		7,776 54			
10,000 00	10,000 00				4,164 65	
15,529 18	11,313 96		20,480 23			
7,164 69	8,643 65		2,812 35		2,164 97	69,107 22
1,905 75						
6,866 81	6,866 81		7,215 36		73 97	36,380 25
			303 00			
11,108 51			22,934 12	1,729 43		
352 75	8,970 84		1,412 25		11,488 35	
9,546 85	9,375 37		3,100 47	400 00	250 00	
6,513 03	6,513 03		5,486 97			
3,732 63	3,718 88		12 00		4 12	
22,736 84			15,196 98		3,498 20	
1,581 82	17,674 10		3,418 18		125 00	11,470 57
52,376 31	112,620 73		56,029 68		41,238 44	7,081 03

REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

DATE 1856.	PURPOSE.	Appro'tions.	Warrants Issued.
	INSPECTORS OF THE PRISONS.		
Mar. 11,	Expenses of 1856.	59,255 00	51,742 14
	TRUSTEES OF THE CITY ICE BOAT.		
Mar. 11,	Expenses of 1856, . . .	\$18,000 00	\$ 9,973 90
April 7,	To pay Mortgage, &c., Wilmon Whildin, . . .	8,200 00	8,073 16
May 7,	" Claim of Wm. J. O'Farrell, . . .	337 50	337 50
" 12,	" Block of Marble, Washington Monument, . . .	3,000 00	3,000 00
" 12,	" Purposes therein mentioned, . . .	1,129 35	1,129 35
July 7,	" Geo. W. McMahan, overpaid water Duplicates, . . .	150 57	150 57
" 14,	" Certain Judgment, Interest and costs, . . .	19,203 84	19,203 84
" 24,	" State Taxes, . . .	240,000 00	240,000 00
	Overpaid Taxes, . . .	556 68	556 68
	Temporary Loan, . . .	130,000 00	130,000 00
	Interest on Temporary Loans, . . .	993 36	993 36
	Sinking Funds, . . .	157,768 75	157,768 75
	Outstanding Taxes, . . .		
	Taxes of 1854, . . .		
	Taxes of 1855, . . .		
	Taxes of 1856, . . .		
	Water Rents, &c., 1856, . . .		
	Interest on Stocks, . . .		
	Fines and Penalties, . . .		
	Licenses to Pawnbrokers, . . .		
	License to sell Gunpowder, . . .		
	Loan of \$1,000,000 00, . . .		
	Miscellaneous Receipts, . . .		
	Northern Home, &c., . . .		
	Rochester Delegation, . . .		
	Fitting up State House, . . .		
	Old Corporations, . . .		
	Certain purposes therein mentioned, . . .		
		\$4,407,637 47	\$3,229,932 24

REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Warrants Countersigned.	Warrants Paid.	Bills due over Warrants issued.	Balance of appropriations.	Required current year over appro- priations.	Outstanding Warrants, 1855.	Receipts of City Treas- urer.
50,621 36	36,162 94	2,155 25	5,357 61	20,500 00	14,581 54	
\$9,944 73	7,361 80		\$8,026 10	\$15,500 00	\$546 38	\$5,395 26
8,073 16	8,073 16		126 84			
337 50	337 50					
3,000 00	3,000 00					
1,087 51	684 32					
150 57	150 57					
19,203 84	19,203 84					240 136 52
240,000 00	240,000 00					
556 68	556 68					
130,000 00	130,000 00					
993 36	993 36					
157,768 75	157,768 75					8,089 97
						5 476 42
						35,663 94
						334,886 35
						1,184,087 90
						300,013 43
						371,253 20
						3,288 48
						2,500 00
						140 00
						971,500 00
						42 42
					3,500 00	
					600 00	
					70 30	
					89 52	
					8,384 44	
\$3,217,238 17	\$2,892,698 13	\$23,812 44	\$1,175,753 26	\$66,512 23	\$450,618 70	\$3,727,915 23

RECAPITULATION.

<i>Dr.</i>	To amount required to pay interest Jan. 1, 1857,	-	\$509,000	00
Do.	Funded Debt, "	-	178,760	30
Do.	Do. for Sinking Fund, -	-	165,112	80
Do.	Do. to pay bills over Warrants issued,	23,812	44	
Do.	Do. for the year, over appropriations made, 66,512	23		
	Balance due Department, on appropriations made,	1,175,753	26	
"	" on outstanding Warrants, 1855,	450,618	70—	2,569,569 73
<i>Cr.</i>	By Balance of Tax Duplicate for 1854,	-	153,844	62
"	" 1855,	-	159,073	06
"	" 1856,	-	1,584,530	56
"	Due on Estimates of Departments,	-	139,865	06
"	In hands of City Treasurer,	-	61,978	79—
			2,099,292	09
	Liabilities over estimated receipts and cash in Treasury,			\$470,277 64

APPENDIX No. 164.

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY TREASURER, }
Philadelphia, Sept. 25th, 1856. }

GENTLEMEN:—Owing to the misapprehension that exists in the community, and the erroneous reports in circulation, in relation to the financial condition of this Department of the City Government, I deem it my duty to present to your Honorable Body the following statement, showing the total amount of Receipts and Payments of this Department, from January 1st, 1856, to September 22d, 1856, from which you will perceive the balance in my hands, applicable to the payment of the current expenses of the City, to be Twenty-nine hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty cents, (2,916 20,) which sum is entirely inadequate to meet the demands daily presented for liquidation, and I therefore most respectfully request Councils to provide the necessary funds to meet all legal demands presented, as in the embarrassing condition of the Treasury, I find it *utterly impossible* to render satisfaction to the people.

Very respectfully,

I remain, yours, &c.,

F. KNOX MORTON,

City Treasurer.

STATEMENT.

Showing the Source and Total Amount of Receipts
of the City Treasurer's Department, from January
1st, to Sept 22d, 1856.

John M. Coleman, Registered Taxes, -	\$387 92
Do. Outstanding Taxes	4,683 99
Do. Taxes of 1854, -	36,288 43
Do. Do. 1855, -	320,814 94
Do. Do. 1856, -	874,747 31
Peter Ambruster, Do. 1856, -	348,210 74
Do. Do. 1854, -	465 19
Do. Do. 1855, -	18,470 52
Do. Outstanding Taxes,	281 97
George M. Hill, Corporation Poor Tax,	306 06
George W. McMahan, Water Rents, -	351,936 54
William V. McKean, Do. -	21,354 39
John Neff, City Railroad Tolls, -	7,424 32
Richard L. West, do. do. -	297 21
John P. Wetherill, Guardians of the Poor	6,232 53
F. A. Server, do. do. -	848 50
J. W. T. McCallister, Health Fees, -	12,405 47
Charles C. Wilson, Market Rents, -	69,107 22
James Horner, Wharves and Landings,	37,432 75
Thomas Birch, Highway Department,	15,669 55
John McCarthy, do. do.	1,734 51
George J. Hamilton, City Property, -	22,937 66
Eugene Ahern, do. do.	538 78
Isaac Hazlehurst, Claims paid him, -	23,723 95
William A. Porter, do. -	10,925 30
Penn. Railroad Co. Interest, -	170,000 00
Sunbury & Erie Railroad Co. Interest,	148,500 00
North-Western Railroad Co. Interest,	18,000 00
North Penn. Railroad Co. Interest, .	9,160 00
Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works	24,819 00
Interest on City Warrants, Certificates of City Loan Issued, &c. -	1,491 33
J. Devereux, Treasurer of City Ice Boat,	5,395 26
Pawnbrokers' Licenses, -	2,500 00
Gunpowder do. -	195 00

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Com'wealth of Penn., School purposes,	30,430 05
John M. Coleman, State Taxes, to July 25th, 1856,	- 146,727 47
Peter Ambruster, do. do. -	93,409 05
Six per cent. City Loan, for Certificates of City Loan, -	971,500 00
Sinking Funds, general and special Interest on Loan, -	8,089 97
William B. Reed, (District Attorney,) costs, &c. -	1,316 75
George Megee, (High Sheriff,) costs, &c. -	1,163 75
Fines and Penalties, (from sundry Aldermen,) -	2,486 19
Contingent Moneys, F. Graff, J. Wie-gand, &c. &c. -	603 98
Temporary Loans, Bank of N. America,	30,000 00
Do. Pennsylvania,	10,000 00
Do. Philadelphia, -	10,000 00
Do. Farm'rs' & Mech'ics,	10,000 00
Do. Northern Liberties,	10,000 00
Do. Southwark Bank, -	20,000 00
Do. Bank of Commerce,	10,000 00
Do. Girard Bank, -	10,000 00
Do. Mechanics' Bank, -	10,000 00
Do. Insurance Co., N. A.	10,000 00

Total receipts to Sept. 22d, 1856, - \$3,953,013 55

MONTHLY RECEIPTS.

January,	-	\$478,247 37
February,	-	720,894 96
March,	-	489,918 79
April,	-	943,171 77
May,	-	412,684 40
June,	-	230,994 08
July,	-	522,320 68
August,	-	92,208 73
September,	-	62,572 77—\$3,953,013 55
Balance in the Treasury, Jan. 1, 1856,		133,014 85
Total,	-	- \$4,086,028 40

STATEMENT.

Showing the Items and Total Amount of Expenditures from January 1st, 1856, to September 22d, 1856.

Interest on City Loans,	-	\$895,261 69
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State		
Tax on Loans,	-	20,000 00
Do. State Tax,	-	240,000 00
Do. Judgments against City,	-	19,203 84
Loans paid to Loan holders,	-	161,896 66
Sinking Funds, general and special, (for		
City Loans,)	-	157,768 75
Temporary Loans, to Banks and Insu-		
rance Co's.	-	140,000 00
Digest of the Laws of the City of Phila-		
delphia,	-	4,996 25
House of Refuge,	-	22,954 00
Rochester Committee,	-	381 37
Claims and Demands against the Corpo-		
ration,	-	7,459 36
Block for the Washington Monument,		3,000 00
Certain Claims of 1854 and 1855,	-	3,718 88
Interest on City Warrants,	-	14,623 90
Road Damages, &c.	-	183 25
Overpaid Taxes,	-	608 65
George W. McMahan, water rents over-		
paid,	-	150 57
Vaccine Physicians,	-	237 50
Inspectors of the Philadelphia County		
Prison,	-	62,863 91
City Ice Boat,	-	11,159 26
Lighting the City with Gas,	-	216,532 24
Board of Health,	-	27,563 14
Guardians of the Poor,	-	197,599 03
Public Schools,	-	434,011 13
Law Department,	-	29,707 13
Fire Do	-	22,360 03
Department of Police,	-	368,266 81
Do. City Commissioners,	-	197,904 90

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Department of City Property,	-	46,544 84
Do. do. Treasury,	-	8,158 15
Do. do. Controller,	-	9,744 93
Do. Clerks of Councils,	-	32,212 07
Do. Receiver of Taxes,	-	37,905 12
Do. Surveys,	-	18,300 92
Do. Wharves & Landings,	-	9,769 00
Do. Market Houses,	-	12,533 75
Do. Highways,	-	405,386 35
Do. for Supplying Water,	-	183,981 27
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		4,024,948 65
City Debt account for the payment of		
Interest on Loans,	-	58,163 55
Balance in the Treasury this day,	-	2,916 20
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Total,	-	\$ 4,086,028 40

MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

January,	-	\$556,023 51
February,	-	735,681 36
March,	-	403,743 56
April,	-	600,331 59
May,	-	449,601 98
June,	-	178,344 12
July,	-	969,492 25
August,	-	68,262 47
September,	-	63,467 81—\$4,024,948 65

STATEMENT.

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in the Treasury, January 1st, 1856,	-	-	-	-	\$133,014 85
Total receipts from all sources, as per statement,	-	-	-	-	3,953,013 55
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					\$4,086,028 40
Payments as per statement,	-				4,083,112 20
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Cash in the Treasury, Sept 22d, 1856,					\$2,916 20
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F. KNOX MORTON,
CITY TREASURER.

Philadelphia, Sept. 22d, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 165.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition of owners of property on Lindsay street, have examined the same, and are of opinion said street should be paved; they would therefore submit the accompanying Resolution, with a recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
J. G. SORVER.

Sept. 25, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the owners of property or a majority thereof, on Lindsay street, between Shippen and Fitz-

water streets, and Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, in the First Ward, be and they are hereby authorized to pave the same. *Provided*, Said paving shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and that the parties contracting to do the same, enter into an agreement to keep said streets in good order, for at least twelve months from the time it is opened to public use. And provided further, That the water pipes be first laid therein, and that the City shall not be at any expense for the paving, except for the intersections.

APPENDIX No. 166.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition of owners of real estate in the Twenty-second Ward, praying that the bridge at Green Lane, near the line of the North Pennsylvania Railroad, in said Ward, might be repaired, the same being in a dangerous and unsafe condition, report that they have made the proper examination and inquiries, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted; in view of which they submit the following Resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to have the bridge on Green Lane, near the line of the North Pennsylvania Railroad, in the Twenty Second Ward, properly and securely repaired. *Provided*, The cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER.

Sept. 25, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 167.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition of owners of property on Marshall street, between Jefferson and Montgomery streets, have examined the same, and are of opinion that the same should be paved; in view of which they submit the accompanying Resolutions for your approval and adoption :—

Resolved, That the owners of property or a majority thereof, on Marshall street, between Jefferson and Montgomery streets be, and are hereby authorized to pave the same, under the supervision of the Department of Highways, the water pipes being first laid therein, and the parties contracting to do the same, entering into an agreement to keep said street in good condition for at least twelve months from the time it is opened to public use. *Provided*, The City shall be at no expense for the same, except for the paving of the intersections.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to enter into an agreement with Henry Fulton, to grade and fill up to the proper paving level that portion of said Marshall street lying between Oxford and Montgomery streets, for the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
WM. ELLIOTT,
J. G. SORVER.

Sept. 25, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 168.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways do report the annexed Ordinance to provide for setting the curbstone and paving the footways and gutters of Bridge street, in the late Borough of Bridesburg, in the Twenty-third Ward, and recommend its adoption.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*.
 THOMAS POTTER,
 WM. ELLIOTT,
 J. G. SORVER.

Sept. 25, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for setting the curbstone and paving the gutters and footways of Bridge street, in the late Borough of Bridesburg, in the Twenty-third Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property fronting on Bridge street, in Bridesburg, in the Twenty-third Ward, from the wharf or landing on the Delaware river, westward to the Bridge over Frankford Creek, are hereby required to set curbstone and pave the footways and gutters in front of their respective properties.

SEC. 2. The said curbstone shall be of such character and dimensions as the Board of Surveyors may determine. The said footways shall be paved with brick or flat stone, as each owner may prefer, and shall be of the breadth of at least four feet; the gutters shall be paved with the pebble or cobble stones ordinarily used for paving the cartways of streets, to the breadth of two feet six inches from the outside of the curbstone.

SEC. 3. The Board of Surveyors shall determine the width of the footways of the said Bridge street, and in what part thereof the pavement of four feet in breadth shall be laid; and shall also (if the same has not been

heretofore done) fix and determine the grade of the said street, and the height of the curbstone.

SEC. 4. If any of the owners of property fronting on said Bridge street, shall neglect or refuse to set the curb and pave the footways and gutters in front of his, her or their property, as directed by this Ordinance, for the space of two months after notice from the Highway Department to do so, it shall be lawful for the said Department to direct the same to be done by some competent person, and any person doing such work under the authority of the Highway Department, shall be authorized and empowered to collect and recover from the property or the owners thereof, in front of which such work has been done, the cost and charges of the labor and materials done and used in such work, in like manner and in all respects as if the said curbing and paving had been done by and the cost and charges thereof had enured to the said City.

APPENDIX No. 169.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations beg leave to report the following Ordinance, relating to lateral culvert in Nectarine street, and ask its adoption.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

Sept. 25, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

For the construction of a certain Drain on Nectarine street.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Department of Highways be authorized and is hereby directed to

lay a vitrified clay drain pipe or culvert in the line of Nectarine street, from Ninth street, to connect with the sewer on the line of Tenth street, said pipe or culvert to be laid in accordance with lines and levels furnished by the Department of Surveys. *Provided*, The City of Philadelphia shall not be at the expense thereof.

APPENDIX No. 170.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Chief Engineer and Surveyor, to whom was referred the petition of citizens, asking attention to the dangerous condition of the unfinished sewer on Huntingdon street, near to Gunner's Run bridge, has made report hereunto annexed, in accordance with which your Committee respectfully ask the adoption of the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed to erect a protection fence around the upper end of the unfinished sewer on Huntingdon street, and that its connection with Gunner's Run be kept free to the tide.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

Sept. 25, 1856.

PHILADELPHIA, July 19th, 1856.

George Northrop, Esq., Chairman of Committee, on Surveys and Regulations of Common Council,

Dear Sir,—The petition of citizens on Huntingdon street, referred to the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, has been attended to, and beg leave to state, That the culvert complained of has been in statu quo ever since Councils directed the cessation of all public work, not

imperative, which leaves a ditch some fifteen feet wide, ten feet deep, and one hundred and twenty-five feet long, open, upon the edge of which stand two houses, both of which seem to be tenanted—the dirt thrown up from the culvert, has been as far as practicable removed from their entrances—so that the ingress to the houses is not interfered with. There is some water lying in the ditch, but it can be made to flow with the tide with but little attention.

The street there is neither curbed nor paved, and it is but a short distance from the Gunner's Run Bridge, the approach to which is not filled up, the travel therefore is not interfered with—no improvement can be made other than fencing the ditch around and opening the end for tide flow, until directions are given for a continuance of the work, and a fence would require to be renewed daily, in all probability, yet placing it there might prevent any liability on the part of the City for damages for injury, &c., and is worthy your consideration; if so, a Resolution authorizing the Department of Highways to have it erected, and the opening to the Canal cleaned out, so that the ditch may empty at low tide, would be desirable.

Very respectfully,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

APPENDIX No. 171.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Department of Surveys having examined the locality named in the annexed petition, make report which is also hereunto annexed,—in conformity with which your Committee respectfully offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Highway Department is authorized and hereby directed to lay a vitrified pipe drain,

on the line of Race street, from Sixteenth to Eighteenth street, in accordance with plans and specifications, furnished by the Department of Surveys. *Provided*, Said work shall not be commenced until sufficient amount to cover the expenses thereof, shall be deposited to the credit of the City by those interested therein.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

Sept. 24, 1856.

PHILADELPHIA, August 25, 1856.

To the President and Board of Surveyors:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee appointed for the purpose of reporting upon the necessities of a Culvert on Race street from Sixteenth to Eighteenth street, as asked for by petition to Councils, hereby report, That on account of some imperfection of the drainage at Nineteenth and Cherry streets, it is necessary that as much drainage as possible be diverted from that line and carried into the Arch street Sewer through other channels. We therefore recommend the construction of a small lateral culvert on Seventeenth street, from Arch to Race street, by which the flow from ten acres will be diverted, and pipe drains on Race street may be laid each way connecting therewith.

It is very desirable that this, with a number of other lateral culverts, applications for which are before Councils, should be constructed at the earliest moment; but their delay may not preclude the possibility of the petitioners now before us laying the drain asked for, as the levels can be so arranged as to make use of the new culvert on Seventeenth street, when erected, by at least that portion of the intended line east of Seventeenth street. We therefore offer the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That we recommend a vitrified pipe drain be laid on the line of Race street, from Sixteenth to

Eighteenth street, in accordance with plans and levels furnished by the Department of Surveys.

(Signed)

SPENCER BONSALE,

JAMES P. DAVIS.

STRICKLAND KNEASS,

Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

APPENDIX No. 172.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Department of Surveys having examined the locality mentioned in the annexed petition, and found that George street, between Nineteenth and Beach streets, requires the drainage petitioned for, respectfully report the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Highway Department is authorized and hereby directed to construct a Culvert or Drain, in accordance to plans and specifications furnished by the Department of Surveys, along George street, between Nineteenth street and Beach street. *Provided*, Said work shall not be commenced until sufficient amount to cover the expenses thereof shall be deposited to the credit of the City by those interested therein.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

Sept. 24, 1856.

PHILADELPHIA, September 13, 1856.

To the President and Board of Surveyors of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned Committee, appointed on the 1st inst., to examine and report upon a petition referred to Board of Surveyors by Councils, asking

for a "drain for water" in George street, between Nineteenth and Beach streets, have examined the locality, and respectfully present the following, That the system of drainage arranged for that locality, intended to carry the flow east of Twenty-second street into the Arch street Sewer, but as the George street drainage is more urgent than that upon either of the north and south streets, a drainage pipe introduced in George street will save one square on each side of the north and south laterals proposed. No water comes from either Chesnut or Walnut street, as stated by the petitioners, and the entire drainage area due to George street, is about five acres. It is a very suitable place for the use of vitrified clay pipes, and hope they may be so recommended by the Board.

(Signed)

SPENCER BONSALE,
THOMAS DALY.

STRICKLAND KNEASS,

Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we recommend that a vitrified drain pipe be laid on the line of George street, from Beach to Nineteenth street; provided the general plan and specifications shall be approved by the Department of Surveys.

APPENDIX No. 173.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking attention to the condition of a Culvert in the vicinity of Chesnut and Rose streets, have received the annexed Report upon the subject from the Board of Surveyors—respectfully report the following Resolution, and ask its adoption :

Resolved, That the Highway Department be authorized and it is hereby directed to construct a Wooden Trunk from the end of the present Sewer at Chesnut and Rose streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, upon the line of the old water course, to the south line of Chesnut street, and that it shall be so covered with earth or other material, as not to intercept travel; said work to be paid for out of the appropriation for repairs made to said Department for the year 1856. Provided, That the expenses thereof shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

GEORGE NORTHRUP, *Chairman*,

SAMUEL P. DUTTON,

JOSEPH GEISS,

SPENCER ROBERTS.

Sept. 20, 1856.

PHILADELPHIA, September 15, 1856.

To the President and Board of Surveyors of the City of Philadelphia:—

Gentlemen:—The Committee to whom was referred the petition for the construction of a Culvert on Chesnut street, west of Rose street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, respectfully report, That they have examined the locality named, and find that the end of a Sewer is now so situated on Chesnut street, west of Rose street, that the sewage flows in an open channel about one hundred feet before it passes out of the limits of public ground, which open channel intercepts travel and is a very serious annoyance to buildings now erected and being erected; but a permanent and substantial Culvert cannot now be built in the position which may be hereafter adopted, owing to the difficulties of infringing upon private rights, or excavating at heavy expense on line of proposed streets, and herewith offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend the construction of a Wooden Trunk from the mouth of the present Culvert, along the old water course to the south line of Chesnut street.

(Signed)

JAMES MILLER,

CHAS. H. FOX.

STRICKLAND KNEASS,

Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

APPENDIX No. 174.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, That they have inquired into the sufficiency of the sureties offered by the Supervisors of the Twenty-second Ward, to wit:

John Felton—Sureties—William Deal and James K. Hinkle Parke.

Peter B. Hinkle—Sureties—Jesse Hinkle and William Hergesheimer.

Your Committee offer the following Resolution and ask its adoption :

Resolved, That the above named sureties be approved and the Solicitor directed to prepare the necessary bond.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

Sept. 25, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 175.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of the President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, for an additional subscription of two million of dollars to the stock of said Company, respectfully report, That your Committee is strongly impressed with the idea that the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia never was designed or created for any other object than the good government of the City; for this purpose its duties are altogether local, simple and obvious, and not until a very short time

since was there any deviation from the simple path originally marked out for it. Our fathers never dreamed that the City should be made a partner in doubtful schemes and speculations—in the expenditure of large sums of money at hundreds of miles distance from the City, for purposes which have no connection whatever with the simple duties of a municipal Corporation. When the Schuylkill Canal—the Lehigh Works and the Reading Railroad were made, all works of peculiar and especial interest to the City, in consideration of their being the avenues through which are brought our supply of coal for domestic and manufacturing uses, it was never seriously asked or thought of making the City a partner in them. The policy of enlisting the municipalities and counties throughout the State in this precarious and dangerous business is entirely of recent date, and to such a frightful extent has it already prevailed, that it has been found necessary to amend the Constitution of the State, (a measure now in progress,) in such a way as shall hereafter prevent any thing of the kind.

The subscriptions heretofore made to different railroad Companies, have largely increased the liabilities of the City; instead of further increasing them by new subscriptions, your Committee respectfully submit that it should be the grand object of Councils, by judicious economy, and husbanding the resources of the City, to decrease them.

Entertaining these views, your Committee recommend that the subscription be not made, and ask the adoption of the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Sept. 25. 1856.

APPENDIX No. 176.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., have examined the petition for the paving of Girard Avenue, between Seventh and Tenth streets; also the remonstrance against the same; and upon mature consideration, are of the opinion that said street should be paved. They would therefore recommend that the Common Council concur in the passage of the Resolutions of Select Council, authorizing the paving of the same.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
 THOMAS POTTER,
 THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
 WM. ELLIOTT,
 J. G. SORVER.

Sept. 25, 1856.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, on Girard Avenue, from Seventh to Tenth street, be and they are hereby authorized to pave said streets between said limits. *Provided*, That the City shall be at no expense for said paving, except for the intersections, and that the same shall be done under the supervision of the Highway Department; and provided, That the contractors doing said paving shall enter into an obligation to keep the same in good repair for the space of one year from the time the same is finished, and that the water pipe shall be first laid in said street.

Resolved, That whenever the said paving is ready to be proceeded with, the Highway Department is authorized to grade said street to a level with the top of the curbstone, and to curb round the spaces therein reserved in the surveys for Market Houses.

APPENDIX No. 177.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the annexed Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the opening of Fitzwater street and other streets in the western part of the First Ward," referred to them at the last meeting, and report the same, recommending that it be adopted in the form herewith submitted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
WM. ELLIOTT,
J. G. SORVER.

Sept. 25, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the opening of Fitzwater street in the western part of the First Ward.

WHEREAS, By authority of Councils, approved March 17, 1856, entitled "Resolution to authorize notice to be given of the intended opening of certain streets," notice was duly given on the 25th day of April last, to the owners of the ground through and over which the hereinafter named streets are laid out, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils would order the said streets to be opened for public use, as authorized by the Seventh Section of an Act of Assembly, approved April 21st, 1855; and the said time of three months having elapsed, therefore,

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That Fitzwater street, from Long Lane to Gray's Ferry Road; Catharine street, from Broad street to Gray's Ferry Road; Christian street, from Irish Track Lane to Gray's Ferry Road; and Fifteenth street, from Carpenter to Prime street, be and the same are hereby directed to be opened for public use as Streets and Highways.

SECTION 2. Whenever it shall be determined that no damage is suffered by the opening of any or either of the said streets, or whenever damage has been duly awarded, and the same is paid or released, the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to cause all obstructions within the limits of the said streets to be removed, and the same to be thrown open as public highways.

APPENDIX No. 178.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways &c., to whom was referred the Resolution of Select Council, authorizing the Paving of Brown street, from Broad to Sixteenth, and Mervine street, from Jefferson to Master, are of opinion that said streets should be paved, and recommend that this body concur in the passage of the same.

Resolved, That the owners of property on Brown street, from Ridge Avenue to Sixteenth street, and Mervine street, from Master to Jefferson street, be and they are hereby authorized to pave said streets; provided, that the City shall be at no expense for said paving, except for the intersections; and provided also, that the water pipes be first laid therein.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER.

Sept. 25, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 179.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS. ~

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition of owners of property on Carpenter street, from Broad to Nineteenth street, in the First Ward, to have the same paved, are of opinion, after an examination of the matter, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted; in view of which they would submit the subjoined Resolution, with a recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOS J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER.

Sept. 25, 1856.

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Paving of Carpenter street, from Broad to Nineteenth street, in the First Ward, and Ash Alley.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, on Carpenter street, between Broad and Nineteenth streets, in the First Ward, and Ash Alley, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, and Market and Chesnut streets, be and they are hereby authorized to pave the same, at their own proper cost and expense. Provided, That said paving be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and without cost to the City, except for the paving of the intersections. And further provided, That the persons contracting to pave the same enter into an agreement to keep said street in good repair for one year from the time it is opened to public use, and that the water pipes be first laid therein.

APPENDIX No. 180.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the subjoined Resolution, to grade Wyoming street, in the First Ward, have examined the matter, and are of opinion that said street should be graded; in view of which they report back the Resolution, with a recommendation that the same be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POTTER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER.

Sept. 25, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and is hereby authorized and directed to have Wyoming street, running from Shippen street to Fitzwater, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, in the First Ward, graded.

APPENDIX No. 181.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Health have had referred to them the two communications from the Board of Health, in reference to the condition of a Sewer on Fourth above Noble street, and the paving of Prospect and Pritchett streets, bearing date June

10th and July 8th, thinking they properly belong to the Committee on Highways, beg that they be so referred.

SAMUEL BARTON, *Chairman*,
JOS. P. FITLER,
AND. J. CATHERWOOD,
LEWIS BREMER.

Oct. 2, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 182.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Schools have had under consideration an application from the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools, asking for the transfer of a part of the five thousand dollars appropriated for the employment of additional teachers, for the year 1856, to the repairs of School Houses, and beg leave to report the annexed Ordinance, providing for the same, and ask its adoption.

THOMAS POTTER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
EDWIN BOOTH,
JESSE T. VOGDES,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
M. C. BROWN,
HENRY T. KING.

Sept. 25, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To transfer an appropriation to the Controllers of the Public Schools.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the item of appropriation made to the Controllers of Public Schools, by Ordi-

nance approved March 31st, 1856, for the employment of additional teachers, to general repairs, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Controllers of Public Schools.

APPENDIX No. 183.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, “To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert,” beg leave to report the same with the following amendments, viz.:

Strike out in seventh line, first section, “Highways, Bridges and Sewers,” and insert “Surveys;” and strike out, in second section, where it occurs, the word “Highways,” and insert “Surveys.”

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
FRANCIS J. BORIE.

Oct. 2, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 184.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Surveys and Regulations respectfully report in favor of the annexed Resolution.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
JOSEPH GEISS,
FRANCIS J. BORIE.

Sept. 25, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be authorized and is hereby directed to draw a warrant in favor of Joseph Fox, for thirty-five dollars, chargeable to item No. 16 of appropriation made to the Department of Surveys for the year 1856, approved March 11, 1856; being amount due services rendered as Commissioner &c., under Act of Assembly of 19th April, 1856, to lay out a State Road from Twenty-fourth Ward to Spring Mill and Conshohocken roads, in Montgomery county.

APPENDIX No. 185.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, having received a favorable report, upon the accompanying petition, from the Board of Surveyors, hereby offer the Ordinance attached, asking that it may be adopted.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
FRANCIS J. BORIE.

Sept. 25, 1856.

Department of Surveys.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER & SURVEYOR. }
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 2, 1856. }

George Northrop, Esq., Chairman of Committee on Surveys &c.,

Dear Sir:—The matter of the Culvert on Eighth street, from Poplar northward to Girard Avenue, which was referred for information, has been examined, and the existence of a Culvert at Eighth and Poplar has been reported, not only by the Committee

of the Board whose communication is on file, but by the Surveyor of the District (Mr. Haines), this date, and as the applicants desire that the construction should be made at their expense, I cannot see any objection that can be valid.

Very respectfully,
 STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

AN ORDINANCE

For the construction of a certain Culvert on Eighth street, from Poplar to Girard Avenue.

The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Highway Department be authorized and is hereby directed to construct a Culvert or Drain, on the line of Eighth street, from Poplar street to Girard Avenue; said work to be commenced so soon as sufficient funds to cover the cost thereof be deposited to the credit of the City by those interested therein. *Provided*, The same be constructed in conformity with plans and levels furnished by the Department of Surveys.

APPENDIX No. 186.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Surveys and Regulations respectfully beg leave to present the following Supplement to an Ordinance, supplementary to an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, and ask its adoption.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
 SAM'L P. DUTTON,
 JOSEPH GEISS,
 FRANCIS J. BORIE.

Sept. 25, 1856.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance, supplementary to an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, approved March 11th, 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That so much of Section one of Ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, approved March 11, 1856, as provides that the work in the late District of Passyunk refers to such work as may be prosecuted by and under direction of the Department, and the expense of so much of said survey as is required to complete the line regulations of that portion of said District north of and including Oregon Avenue and west of Broad street, shall be payable as specified in Section 28th of Act of Assembly approved April 18th, 1853. *Provided*, The said survey shall be prosecuted under the direction of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 2. That so much of Section second of the Ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, approved March 11th, 1856, as provides that no warrant shall issue for the payment of the amount of \$614 15, until the Surveyor shall have submitted his plan to the Court for confirmation, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 187.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the claims of Messrs. Thomas J. Cook, William F. Guernsey, M. D., Lewis Blanche, and John Lucas, having had the same under consideration, and there not appearing sufficient evidence before the Committee to sustain the same, beg leave respectfully to report adversely thereto, and offer the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
SAM'L STEVENSON,
SAMUEL MECUTCHEN,
THOS. MARSH.

Sept. 25, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 188.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the claims of the following persons for work done on the Thompson Street Culvert, to wit:—

Thomas Ryan,	claim	\$4,873 69
Thos. S. Blackburn,	do.	4,090 00
Thomas S. Davis,	do.	3,266 00

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and upon hearing the parties and the testimony bearing upon the same, have concluded to award to the claimants respectively as follows, to wit: in full consideration of the same:—

To Thomas Ryan,	\$1,489 95
To Thomas S. Blackburn,	1,053 50
To Thomas S. Davis,	560 00

\$3,103 45

Also, That the claims of the following persons being duly considered, the Committee have agreed to report favorably to the same, viz.:—

John R. Longstreth, for services rendered		
to City Commissioners,		\$50 00
Edmd. Schlemm, warrant,		52 00
Isaac C. Bryant,	} For services to Board of Re- vision,	300 00
J. Murray,		80 00
E. Somerdike,		70 00
Wm. C. Bryant,		85 00
Geo. M. Bryant,		70 00

Messrs. Coleman, Hill and Much, Commis-
sioners, for carriage hire, 60 00

For the purpose of paying the above claims, they
report the annexed Ordinance, and ask its adoption.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
CHAS. S. ISEMINGER,
SAMUEL MECUTCHEN.

Sept. 25, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.*

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the
City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three
thousand, nine hundred and forty dollars and forty-five
cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the
payment of the following claims and demands on the
Corporation, viz. :

Thomas Ryan, for work on Thompson		
Street Culvert,		\$1,489 95
Thomas S. Blackburn,	Do.	1,053 50
Thomas S. Davis,	Do.	560 00
John R. Longstreth, for services rendered		
City Commissioners,		50 00
Edmund Schlemm, (an old warrant,)		52 00
Isaac C. Bryant, for services to Board of		
Revision,		300 00
J. Murray,	Do.	80 00
E. Somerdike,	Do.	70 00
Wm. C. Bryant,	Do.	85 00
Charles Bryant,	Do.	70 00
Geo. M. Bryant,	Do.	70 00
John M. Coleman, Adam Much, and		
Geo. M. Hill, for carriage hire,		60 00

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of Messrs. Ryan,
Blackburn and Davis, shall be drawn by the Chief Com-
missioner of Highways; warrants for the payment of
Messrs. Longstreth, Schlemm, Messrs. Isaac C. Bryant,
Wm. C. Bryant, and George M. Bryant, J. Murray,
and E. Somerdike, shall be drawn by the City Com-
missioners.

APPENDIX No. 189.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKETS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the petition of the Southwark Hose Company, asking for repairs to the house occupied by them, have given the matter due consideration, and respectfully report, That as the said Hose Company occupy a portion of the Market House at the corner of Second and South streets, free of rent or charge, therefore it is their duty to keep it in repair at their own expense.

The Committee, therefore, make a negative report.

NICHOLAS BROUSE, *Chairman*,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
DOMINICK MURPHY,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
CHARLES VANHORN.

Oct. 2, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 190.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Resolution on the subject of impeaching the City Commissioners, respectfully report, That the affidavits and information obtained by the Committee, also implicate parties not now in office, who cannot be reached by impeachment; under these circumstances, your Committee have placed the testimony in the hands of the District Attorney, for such action as he may deem proper. Your Committee will proceed with the con-

sideration of the subject of impeachment, and report hereafter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
ABM. BAKER.

Oct. 6, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That certain affidavits taken before the Committee on Finance, in relation to an application from the City Commissioner for an additional appropriation for making out tax duplicates, indexing, etc., and referred to said Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be placed in the hands of the District Attorney, for such action as he may consider his official duty requires.

APPENDIX No. 191.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, That they have inquired into the sufficiency of the Sureties offered by Samuel C. Thomson, Commissioner of Markets, viz.: Thomas Fisher and Solomon Demears, and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Sureties offered by Samuel C. Thomson, Commissioner of Markets, viz.: Thomas Fisher and Solomon Demears, be approved, and the

Solicitor directed to prepare and have the necessary Bond entered of record.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
JOHN K. FINDLAY.

Oct. 16, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 192.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Water Works respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be instructed to have an additional amount of Twelve Thousand Dollars insured upon the Spring Garden Water Works, being for improvements made from 1854 to the present time.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
JOS. P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
CHAS. E. LEX,
THOMAS MARSH.

Oct. 9, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 193.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Water Works, having had referred to them certain petitions asking

to have Water Pipe laid in certain streets, and upon examination of the same, respectfully offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Works be authorized and required to cause Water Pipe to be laid in the following streets :

Armingo street, from Frankford Road to Sepviva street ; Whitehall street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth street ; Cuba street, from Morris to Moore street ; Fifth street, from Susquehanna Avenue to York street ; Brinton street, from Seventh to Eighth street ; Eleventh street, from Fitzwater to Catharine street ; Jesup street, from Fitzwater to Catharine street ; Broad street, from Spruce to Locust street, East side ; Almond street, from Lehigh Avenue to Reading Rail Road ; Oxford street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth street ; Doak street, from Shippen to Fitzwater street ; Somerset street, from present termination about four hundred feet ; Cooper street, from Twentieth to Dixey street, Eighth Ward.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
JOS. P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
CHAS. E. LEX,
THOMAS MARSH.

Oct. 9, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 194.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE }
 DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF PHILAD'A. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting my Sixth and last Quarterly Report of the number of fires occurring, with the loss sustained, for the quarter ending on the thirtieth day of September, 1856, and the condition of the Department at that time, I am much gratified to state, that while it exhibits an increase in the number of fires, it shows a great decrease in the losses sustained. The number of fires that have occurred is 73, the estimated loss on which is \$98,915, and the insurance \$33,793, leaving an uninsured loss of \$65,120. The increase of fires, as compared with the preceding quarter, is 3; the decrease in total loss \$886,195, and the decrease in uninsured loss \$223,065. Since my former report, there have been added to the Department the Good Intent, Hope, Diligent, and West Philadelphia Hose Companies, and the Mount Airy, Washington, and West Philadelphia Engine Companies; making the Department now consist of 43 Engine Companies, 32 Hose Companies, and 5 Hook and Ladder Companies; possessing 46 Engines, 54 Hose Carriages, 11 two-wheeled Tenders, 6 Trucks, 57,523 feet of Hose, and 835 feet of Ladders. To this force can be added the Steam Fire Engine "Young America," which has been in serviceable condition during the quarter, but as the proper means have not been provided by Councils, so as to convey it to fires without great delay, it has not as yet been in service at any fire. I stated in my last report, that to have the Engine conveyed to fires in time for service, horses would have to be bought, and men employed, which would require a large amount of money—an amount much too large for the service which is re-

quired from this Engine, as there are but few fires where it could be placed in service before the present hand Engines would have extinguished, or be able to extinguish without its assistance; and I am of the opinion, that if Councils would be more liberal to the present Volunteer Department, it would be the means of securing the public from fire, much more than to lavish money upon a Steam Engine, which will cost as much for *repairs yearly*, if run to fires, as is now contributed to any three of our fire companies; and for the whole cost of it yearly, by correct calculation, more than any fifteen Engine Companies now receive. It is said that to guarantee the services of this Engine at all fires, the following will be required:

Five large Horses, two Drivers, one Engineer, one Assistant, three Pipe Men.

The cost of the horses will be	\$1000 00	
“ “ harness “	250 00	
Making	\$1250 00	
Salary of Drivers, at \$365 each,		\$730 00
“ Engineer,		800 00
(which amount is too small for a good Engineer)		
Salary of Assistant Engineer,		600 00
“ Pipe Men, \$300 each,		900 00
Horses' keep, \$3,50 per week (the lowest rate),		910 00
For repairs for Engine yearly,		1200 00
(a new set of wheels are now required)		
As general incidental expenses, wood for		
Engine, oil, coal for Engine house and		
Engineers' room, shoeing horses, repair-		
ing harness, &c., &c.,		500 00
(which is a very low estimate)		
Total, yearly, without horses and harness,	\$5,640 00	
Total, with cost of horses and harness,	\$6,890 00	

Thus showing, without giving any more items, the sum of \$5,640 00, without counting the purchase

money of the horses, \$1000 00, and harness, \$250 00, making in all \$6,890 00, as the first year's expense, and yearly thereafter not less than \$5,640 00. Each item has been carefully calculated, and placed at the lowest figure. The item for repairs for the Engine may seem large, but to run the Engine to all fires, it will not cost less yearly.

I desire to call the attention of Councils to my former Report, which refers to the Thirteenth Section of the Ordinance "reorganizing" the Fire Department, which provides that a large Bell Hall be erected in each Fire District. This has not been done in many of the Districts, and the firemen located in those vicinities are therefore without any proper means of alarm, and I would recommend speedy action in the matter.

It will also be found in my former Report, where I recommend Councils to have the Bell which is in the steeple of the Spring Garden Hall, rung for all fires, as a large number of firemen depend entirely on that bell to give them the alarm in time of fire. This has not been done as yet, and I again ask Councils to have this bell rung for all fires.

Also, to my former Report, where I recommend that it be made the duty of the Night Police to give the alarm, and arouse all firemen who shall so request them, whenever an alarm of fire shall occur during the night.

I have reasons to believe that if the suggestions thus thrown out should meet the approval of your honorable bodies, it would enure much to the public good and welfare of the Department.

I desire to inform Councils that a number of the Fire Companies, last winter, when there was snow on the ground, procured horses to pull their apparatus to fires, at an expense of about fifty dollars each, which I would recommend that Councils pay; and as the companies which dragged their apparatus without horses, at such times, are equally deserving, I would recommend that Councils make a donation to each company

in service at the time, of the sum of fifty dollars each.

The Fire Alarm Telegraph was, in conjunction with the Police Telegraph, put in practical operation on the 19th day of April last, and has already, although laboring under more disadvantages than are usually attendant on innovations, which are in all cases numerous, proved itself an invaluable auxiliary to the Fire Department. The original plan, which proposed one hundred and fifty signal stations or boxes, and which was subsequently reduced to eighty-four, would have been, as experience has proved, preferable to the reduced number. The additional expense would have been trifling. As a substitute for those boxes which were omitted, there is a strong desire felt on the part of the firemen to have alarm signals placed in the houses of the Companies. The value of an early alarm, in case of fire, is well known to every fireman, and the subtle, instantaneous electric flash seems the proper agent to convey the intelligence to the firemen. I would respectfully recommend to the consideration of your honorable bodies, the expediency of placing in the house of each Company in the Fire Department, an alarm box, for receiving the alarm of fire, fully believing that the saving of property, in consequence of the time thus gained, would annually repay the cost of construction four-fold, and would be the means of preventing many false alarms of fire.

In retiring from the office of Chief Engineer, I desire to return my thanks to my Assistant Engineers, and to the firemen composing the Department, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they complied with all requests made by me of them at fires.

I again return thanks to the Select and Common Councils, for the aid extended me in my efforts to discharge the duties assigned me, and particularly to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, who have manifested so much interest in the welfare of the Department.

Hoping that the Department may be in as good

condition at the expiration of the term of office of my successor, as I have the pleasure of leaving it now,

I am, with much respect, yours,

B. A. SHOEMAKER,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department
of the City of Philadelphia.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE 1856.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of Fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Real Estate.	Personal Property
July 3,	Twelfth and Market street, .	2	Rubbish, .	Fire Crackers, .		
" 4,	Germantown, .	6	Carpenter shop and Tools, .	Incendiary, .	600	400
" 4,	Barker above Nineteenth street, .	2	Stable, .	Fire Works, .	50	
" 4,	Powell street, .	2	Roof of House, .	Do, .		
" 4,	Phillip street above Master, .	4	Dwellings, .	Do, .	800	
" 4,	Penn street below Spruce, .	1	Dwelling, Sailor's Home, .	Do, .		
" 4,	Brown street above Thirteenth	4	Dwellings, .	Do, .	1400	
" 4,	No. 56 North Fourth street, .	2	Do, .	Do, .	400	
" 4,	Sixth below Chesnut street, .	2	Do, .	Do, .		
" 5,	Ridge Avenue ab. Callowhill st.	3	Roof of House, .	Do, .	50	
" 5,	Huntington and N Penn av. .	4	Hay Sheds, .	Do, .	150	
" 6,	Fourth and Spruce streets, .	2	Dwelling, .	Do, .		
" 6,	Beach and Shackamaxon st. .	4	Brass Foundry, .	Incendiary, .	500	
" 6,	Broad and Coates street, .	4	Flour Mill, &c. .	Do, .	8200	8000
" 8,	Fifth and Southwark Canal, .	1	Chemical Works, .	Unknown, .	600	500
" 14,	Sixth above Race street, .	3	Chair Factory, .	Do, .		
" 17,	Turner's Lane, .	4	Barn, .	Incendiary, .	1200	300
" 17,	Alarm N. W. .					
" 19,	Second above Brown street, .	4	Tavern Roof, .	Accidental, .	10	
" 19,	Seventh and Morris street, .	2	Koop Building, .	Fire Works, .		
" 19,	Seventh below South street, .	1	Trimings, .	Gas in window, .		
" 20,	Passyunk Road, .	1	Barn, .	Incendiary, .	600	
" 20,	Do. do. .	1	Rope Walk, .	Do, .	300	
" 20,	Third and Concord streets, .	1	Carpenter shop, .	Do, .	200	
" 21,	No. 347 Broad street, .	4	Planing Mill, &c., .	Accidental, .	6300	13000
" 21,	Broad and South streets, .	1	Stable, .	Incendiary, .		
" 23,	Frankford, .	5	Stables, .	Accidental, .		
" 27,	Fifth and Small streets, .	1	Feed store, .	Incendiary, .	800	
" 27,	Near Marine Hospital, .	1	Stable, stock and horses, .	Do, .	700	1000
" 27,	No. 10 Callowhill street, .	3	Flour and Feed store, .	Unknown, .	200	600
" 27,	Penn and Frankford streets, .	5	Dwelling, .	Accidental, .	10	
" 31,	Beach and Shackamaxon streets,	4	Carpenter shop and Dwellings, .	Incendiary, .	1200	
Aug. 7,	Front near Green street, .	4	Stable, .	Do, .	600	
" 10,	Ninth below Callowhill street, .	3	Stable and horse, .	Do, .	400	100
" 10,	West of Schnylkill, .	7	Ice house, .	Do, .	1000	1500
" 17,	Charlotte street below Thom'son, .	4	Dye house, .	Unknown, .	300	500
" 17,	Eighth below Lombard street, .	1	Dwelling, .	Do, .	450	
" 17,	Alarm S. W. .					
" 19,	Ninth above Market street, .	2	Plumbing shop, .	Set fire, .		45
" 19,	Swanwick and Washington sts. .	1	Camphine store, .	Accidental, .	1000	300
" 19,	Alarm N. W. .					
" 20,	Turner's Lane, .	4	Barn and horses, &c. &c. .	Incendiary, .	1000	2000
" 22,	Alarm, .					
" 22,	Concord near Second street, .	1	Stable, .	Set fire, .		
" 23,	Third below Catharine, .	1	Brick building, .	Do, .		
" 23,	Do. do. .	1	Same building, .	Do, .	800	
" 23,	Fox Court, .	1	Dwelling, .	Carelessness, .		
" 24,	Near Ninth and Arch street, .	2	Stable, .	Set fire, .		
" 27,	Fourth above Lombard street, .	1	Candle Factory, .	Unknown, .	500	1200
" 27,	Germantown, .	6	Barn, .	Set fire, .	1000	700
" 31,	Broad and Callowhill streets, .	2	Stables and Feed, .	Unknown, .	300	500

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c. &c.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property.		
G. H. Dougherty, Cookman & Brother,	F. Kinker, Wm. Smith,	200		Germantown In. Office.	
Mrs. Loveridge,					Trifling.
E. Smith,		1400		State & Mutual.	
E. Brewster,					do.
Wm. James,					do.
P. Warner, Hood & Co.	Mr. Marabacher,				
Potter & McKeaver,	P. Warner, Hood & Co.	\$260	5000	Mutual and Toronto.	
	Potter & Conrad & Co.	600	500		do.
Joshua L. Price,	J. L. Price,	1200		American Insurance.	
Mr. Durr,					
	Mr. Duffreen,				do. do.
W. S. Jacobs,					
Mr. McGinnis,					
John Eall,					
Robert Anther, A. H. Durr, Mr. Kochersperger,	Robert Anther, A. H. Durr, A. D. Shearer, J. & D. Nudd, S. Letourneau, R. Parkins, Penrose & Place, Sinclair & Pemberton, Kochersperger,	5000	2500	Provincial, Montreal, Del- aware, Safety Mutual.	
Ayers & Co.					do. do.
Henry Bickley, Mr. Metcalf, James McIlvain,	Henry Bickley, Mr. Metcalf, J. Ketchem,	1000 300		Royal.	
	James Douahey,		45	Spring Garden & Girard.	
Joshua Longstroth,	Joshua Longstroth,	1000		Franklin.	
	Gebbard Harris,				do. do. do.
	Francis Conway,		1200	Penn, Royal, & Mutual.	
Dr. Friechel, E. Shriner,	Dr. Friechel, E. Shriner.	1000			

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE. 1856.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of Fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED	
					Real Estate.	Personal Property.
Aug. 31,	Shirker's Alley,	1	Bake House,	Set fire	900	30
" 31,	Frankford Road & Phoenix,	4	Cabinet Maker Shop,	Accidental,	400	20
Sept. 31,	Shoemaker's, Front ab. Market,	2	Shavings in cellar,	Do.	800	120
" 2,	Mary and Green streets, W. P.	7	Cabinet Maker Shop,	Do.	1000	120
" 2,	Seventh and Callowhill streets,	3	Stables, &c.	Do.	150	25
" 4,	Frankford,	5	Cotton Mills,	Do.	500	20
" 7,	Back of No. 272 S. Second st.	1	Cabinet and Chair Factory,	Incendiary,	600	20
" 7,	Broad near Cherry street,	2	Carpenter shop,	Do.	4700	1450
" 9,	Tenth & George streets,	2	Self-Sealing Can Factory,	Unknown,	3500	1450
" 9,	Frankford,	5	Cotton Mill,	Accidental,	300	25
" 9,	Decatur street,	2	Store,	Do.	1200	25
" 11,	York Avenue and Buttonwood,	3	Stable,	Do.	200	25
" 12,	Forty-third and Locust streets,	3	Dwelling,	Incendiary,	500	10
" 16,	Ninth and Germantown Road,	4	Do.	Do.	400	10
" 17,	Eleventh and Pleasant streets,	4	Stable,	Do.	1100	10
" 18,	St. John above Poplar street,	3	Slaughter House,	Accidental,	400	10
" 18,	Sixth and Shippen streets,	1	Stable and Dwelling,	Do.	350	10
" 18,	Broad and Callowhill streets,	3	Coal Sheds, &c.	Set on fire,	1100	10
" 19,	Broad and George streets,	2	Academy of Science,	Unknown,	400	10
" 19,	Alarm.			Set fire,	300	10
" 20,	Eleventh and Shippen streets,	1	Cooper Shop,	Accidental.	300	10
" 21,	Ridge Avenue ab. Callowhill st.	3	Shade Maker,	Set fire,	1100	10
" 21,	Third and Prune streets,	1	Bed,	Accidental.	300	10
" 24,	Rachel above Brown street,	4	Clothing, &c.	Set fire,	1100	10
" 24,	Ogden above Thirteenth street,	4	Stable,	Accidental.	300	10
" 24,	Frankford,	5	Factory,	Do.	1100	10
" 26,	Nineteenth and Addison streets,	1	Stable,	Do.	300	10

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c. &c.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property.		
Mr. Mooney,	Mr. Bradley.				
Nathan Edson,		500			
Mr. Richards,	J. B. Thomaldson,	1200		Franklin and Fire Association.	
Solomon Wilds,		150		Royal Insurance.	
Mr. Sherman,	Mr. Sherman.				
Mr. Gendell,	Mr. Gendell.				
Mr. Scherr, Mr. Whittemore,	Mr. Scherr, Mr. Whittemore,	1700		Franklin and Fire Association.	
J. M. Sharpless,	A. T. Dickson.				
Wm. H. Hamilton,		300		Fire Association.	Trifling.
Thomas Alibone,					
D. Graffy, J. G. Besler.					
Hines & Mather,	Hines & Mather.				
Mr. Shoch.		500		State Mutual.	
					do.
Conrad Kellar,	David M. Lyle.				
G. W. Stroud,	G. W. Stroud,	300			do
Wm. Brown,	Wm. Brown.				do.

RECAPITULATION.

MONTHS.	FIRES.						
	1st District.	2d District.	3d District.	4th District.	5th District.	6th District.	7th District.
Total.							
False Alarms.							
Burning Chimney.							
Depart called out.							
Department in actual service.							
Estimated Loss on Real Estate.							
Estimated Loss on Personal Property							
Total Estimated Loss.							
Insurance on Real Estate.							
Insurance on Personal Property.							
Total Insurance.							
Estimated loss on Real Estate over Insurance.							
Estimated loss on personal property over insurance.							
Total estimated loss over Insurance.							

LOSS AND INSURANCE BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Loss.	Insurance.	Loss over insurance.
First Fire District, -	\$12,550	\$ 2,300	\$10,250
Second do. -	6,795	1,745	5,050
Third do. -	5,150	1,500	3,650
Fourth do. -	48,060	25,400	22,660
Fifth do. -	18,160	150	18,010
Sixth do. -	2,700	1,200	1,500
Seventh do. -	5,500	1,500	4,000
Total, - - - -	\$98,915	\$33,795	\$65,120

The apparatus of the Department, at this time, consists of, as follows :

Engine Companies,	43
Hose Companies,	32
Hook and Ladder Companies,	5
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Total,	80
Companies, with 46 Engines, 54 Hose Carriages, 11 two-wheeled Tenders, 6 Trucks ; 57,523 feet of hose, 835 feet of ladders, and Steam Engine Young America ; all of which is in good condition.	

OFFICERS OF DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer—BENJAMIN A. SHOEMAKER.

Assistant Engineers—J. C. POULSON,

J. A. ROLIN,
H. ROBINSON,
B. WHARTON,
WM. GLENN,
J. C. TULLY,
R. C. HICKS.

Secretary of the Fire Department :

EDWARD D. YATES.

APPENDIX No. 195.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways &c. have had under consideration the within petition, and upon an examination of the locality, find that Carlton street is situate one hundred and thirty-one feet three inches south of Callowhill street, has been opened from Eleventh street eastward, to within about one hundred feet of Tenth street, and by extending it from the point to which it is now opened, into Tenth street, there will

be taken the ground that now composes the side yards of two houses fronting on Tenth street. And your Committee are assured that if any damage is awarded, it will be paid by those who are directly interested in having the street opened. They therefore submit to Councils the following Resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To give notice of the Opening of Carlton street, in the Fourteenth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to give notice to the owners of the ground through and over which Carlton street, from the point to which it is now opened eastward to and into Tenth street, will pass: that at the expiration of three months from the service of said notice, the said Carlton street will be opened for public use, as authorized by the Seventh Section of the Act of Assembly approved April 21, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 196.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration various applications and communications from owners of property on Gay street, in the late Borough of Manayunk.

There is a culvert, constructed some years since, running down Gay street, which formerly was conducted directly across the Main street into the Canal of the Schuylkill Navigation Company.

This caused a deposit of gravel and earth into the canal, whereby it was rapidly filled up; and, to avoid this evil, the Navigation Company, with the consent of the proper authorities, constructed a culvert under the bed of the canal into the Schuylkill, into which they conducted the Gay street culvert, by means of a drain which crosses the Main street diagonally. This drain is constructed nearly on a dead level, and at nearly every heavy rain becomes choked up with earth and sand, which causes the water to overflow and run into the cellars of the property on Gay street.

The remedy is to alter this drain across the Main street, so as to give it a more rapid descent, and the Committee submit the following Resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
ALFRED CREASE,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the deepening of a drain from the foot of Gay street across the Main street, in the late Borough of Manayunk.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to reconstruct and deepen the drain or culvert extending from the foot of Gay street across the Main street, in the late Borough of Manayunk, so as to permit the water to pass freely through the same without obstruction.

APPENDIX No. 197.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the communication from Henry J. Williams, for authority to construct a culvert, respectfully submit the following Resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the construction of a Culvert across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., in the Fifteenth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to construct a culvert from the depression in the grade of the Upper Ferry Road, near the Wire Bridge, across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., into the Schuylkill, said culvert to be of such dimensions, and at such depth below the surface as the Survey Department may determine.

APPENDIX No. 198.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have considered the within petition, and have received the estimate and calculation of Emanuel Street, that the grading of Hancock street, as asked for by the petitioners, will not

cost over one hundred and eighty dollars. And they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the grading of Hancock street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the grading of Hancock street, from Susquehanna Avenue, southward to Diamond street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and to expend therefor a sum not exceeding one hundred and eighty dollars.

APPENDIX No. 199.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., respectfully report, That St. David street, running from Race to Vine street, between Ashton street and the River Schuylkill, was ordered to be paved by a Resolution of Councils, passed early in the present year, and there is some grading to be done upon it before said paving can be commenced. They, therefore, submit the following Resolution.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the grading of St. David street, in the Tenth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Highway Department are hereby authorized to grade St. David street, from Race to Vine street, in the Tenth Ward, preparatory to paving the same, and to expend in the said work a sum not exceeding eighty dollars.

APPENDIX No. 200.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petition for opening Bedford street, and thereupon report, That Bedford street, midway between South and Shippen streets, has been laid out and opened by the owner of the ground some years since, to extend from Fifteenth street eastward, to within about seventy or eighty feet of Broad street, and the same is now compactly built upon on both sides, and the owners of property are anxious that it should be opened across this seventy or eighty feet of ground into Broad street, and their desire seems to your Committee to be a reasonable one; but the Act of Assembly, the aid of which these petitioners seek to invoke, authorizes the action of Councils only in the case of "any street laid upon any of the public plans of the city;" and on inquiring at the Survey office, it was ascertained that the public plan of that locality did not contain any mark or delineation of Bedford street; and therefore, Councils have no jurisdiction in the case.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 201.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the following Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to proceed with the grading of Girard Avenue, east of the Schuylkill, so far as may be necessary to render the Girard Avenue bridge accessible for the purposes of public travel. *Provided*, That the cost thereof shall not exceed the amount of the appropriation already made for that purpose.

—passed by Select Council on the 21st of August last, and also various communications respecting the grading of Girard Avenue, and thereupon, they respectfully report, That the Bridge over the Schuylkill at Girard Avenue, was begun under a contract with the Commissioners of the County of Philadelphia, made several months—probably a year, prior to the passage of the Consolidation law.

It was erected at a point on the river, which was at the time, and still remains totally inaccessible for horses and vehicles. And although it is nearly two years since the Bridge was finished, yet for the reason that there is no road whereby it can be approached, it remains utterly useless and valueless for the purposes for which it was intended. It is not to be wondered at therefore, that persons residing or doing business in the localities adjacent to the bridge, and indeed all who desire to pass from or approach the City by that avenue, should earnestly desire to have a road made whereby it may be devoted to its proper and intended uses.

On the west side of the Schuylkill, the grading has progressed under contracts made with the County Commissioners, in the year 1854, until it is now nearly finished, from the west end of the bridge westward to Belmont Avenue, a distance of about a mile. But

on the eastern side little, if any, grading has been done since the bridge has been in the course of construction, and to have access to it, there must be graded, from Landing Avenue westward to the eastern abutment, the distance of about two thousand two hundred and fifty feet, or not quite half a mile.

To bring the avenue down to the regulated grade, would require deep excavation throughout nearly the whole of this distance, and cost a large sum of money ; but it is not proposed at the present time, to excavate to a greater extent below the present surface than is necessary to make an ordinary road, with such rise and fall as may be passed over with horses and vehicles without difficulty.

Within this space to be graded, passes the Schuylkill branch of the Reading and Pottsville Railroad, and your Committee are of the opinion that the safety of all who travel either by the Railroad or by the avenue, renders it highly necessary that the avenue should pass over the Railroad by a bridge.

To bring the avenue down to the level of the Railroad, would leave on each side an embankment of about thirty feet, so that passengers along the avenue could not see either up or down the Railroad until they were almost upon the track, thus making the danger of frequent collisions very great.

During the summer of last year, it was understood that the Railroad Company were willing to pay half the expense of erecting a bridge over their road at this point, and the Committee suggest that they be empowered to confer with the Company upon the subject of the erection of the said bridge.

The Committee find that before there is any further filling in of earth, immediately at the ends of the bridge, it will be necessary to extend the wing walls on both the east and west ends.

This is necessary in order to prevent the constant washing away of the embankment, and the danger to horses and vehicles thereby.

The Committee, therefore, submit the following

Resolutions, as amendments to that passed by Select Council.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the extension of the wing walls of Girard Avenue Bridge, and the grading of Girard Avenue, west of the Schuylkill.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Highways are hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, with one or more competent Stonemasons for the extension of the wing walls at both ends of the Girard Avenue bridge over the Schuylkill. Said walls to be connected with those already up, and to be of such dimensions and thickness as the Chief Engineer and Surveyor and the Chief Commissioner of Highways may determine. Said contracts to be made with the lowest responsible bidder, and when made, to be approved by the Councils before the same shall be binding on the City.

Resolved, That whenever the extension of the wing walls of the eastern end of the bridge is finished, the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to proceed with the grading of Girard Avenue, commencing at the eastern end of the bridge and proceeding eastward, not regarding the regulated grades, and excavating only to a breadth and depth sufficient to afford proper facilities to public travel, and fixing the elevation on each side of the Reading Railroad, under the direction of the Survey Department, with a view to crossing the same by a bridge.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor and the Chief Commissioner of Highways, are hereby authorized to confer with the managers of the Reading Railroad Company upon the subject of the erection

of a bridge whereby Girard Avenue may pass over the Railroad, and report the result of their conference to Councils as early as practicable.

APPENDIX No. 202.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the following Resolution from Select Council, report the same without amendment, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the said Councils do hereby consent to the vacation of Timber Lane, from Schuylkill Fifth (now Eighteenth street) to Columbia Avenue, in the late District of Penn, in the County of Philadelphia, as they are authorized, by an Act of the General Assembly, approved May 8th, 1854, entitled "An Act to vacate part of Timber and Turner's Lanes, in the County of Philadelphia."

APPENDIX No. 203.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have considered the following Resolution, passed by Select Council, and recommend its adoption by Common Council:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to have a channel cut on Ninth street, from Morris street, and also on Seventh street, from Franklin street to Mifflin street, in order to correct the imperfect drainage which now exists in that vicinity.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 204.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the annexed Resolutions passed by Select Council, and report the same with the following amendments:

Strike out of the second resolution all before the words "to cause," and insert "and also," thereby connecting the two so as to make one resolution, and add at the end thereof the words "And to expend on the said work a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars."

With these amendments, the Committee recommend the adoption of the Resolution.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 22, 1856.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the grading of A street, Master street, and Twentieth street, in the Twentieth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to cause so much of A street from Twenty-second to Twenty-third street, and Master street from Twenty-first to Twenty-third street, to be graded, as will prevent injury to the buildings on said streets, by an overflow of water.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause Twentieth street, from Ridge avenue to Oxford street, to be placed in a condition fit for public travel, and to expend on the said work a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 205.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department respectfully report, That they have had under consideration a Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the removal of certain fire alarm boxes, and report against said removal.

They have also had under consideration the subject

of an alteration in the mode of striking the fire alarm bells, and would offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter the fire alarm bells shall be rung as follows, for all fires occurring in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Fire Districts, viz.: The signal to indicate the number of the District shall be struck twice, and then the signal formerly used to indicate the direction, shall be struck four times, and so alternately—the District signal twice and the Direction signal four times.

They would also report the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph be instructed to have a Fire Alarm Signal Box placed in the dwelling of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Respectfully,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
JOHN WELSH,
JOHN K. FINDLAY.

Oct. 23, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 206.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Winship, Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, reported

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the management of John Scott's Legacy," passed September 9, 1841.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the provisions of the first and second sections of the Ordinance to which this is a further supplement, be and the same are hereby revived and continued in full force. *Provided*, However, that the words "Committee on Trusts and Fire

Department," shall be substituted in place of the words "Committee on Legacies and Trusts," wherever they occur in said recited Ordinance.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Franklin Institute previously to making an award of the Legacy Premiums under the Will of John Scott, to publish in one newspaper of the City of Philadelphia, twice a week for eight weeks, their intentions to make said award, unless satisfactory evidence is produced of the want of novelty in the invention or improvement; and before any payment shall be made for such advertisement, the bill therefor shall be approved by the Managers of the Franklin Institute, at their regular stated meeting, and certified to by their Chairman.

APPENDIX No. 207.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the annexed petition relating to the Bay street Culvert, beg leave to present herewith a Report and Resolution of the Board of Surveyors on the subject, with which they concur, and ask the adoption of the accompanying Ordinance.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON.

Oct. 23, 1856.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18, 1856.

To the President and Board of Surveyors:

Gentlemen,—The Committee appointed on the Bay street Culvert have visited the locality, and find that the small culvert extending eastward, from the Seventh street Sewer, sixty feet, has been imperfectly con-

structed, and requires repair to prevent the percolation of water from the sewer into adjacent privies, and offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, That it be recommended that the Highway Department perform the repairs necessary for the efficiency of the Culvert on Bay street.

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
SPENCER BONSALE.

AN ORDINANCE

Relative to the repair of Bay street Culvert, in the Fifth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Department of Highways be authorized and is hereby directed to perform such repairs to the Bay street Culvert in the Fifth Ward, as may be requisite. *Provided*, That the expense thereof shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 208.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Surveys and Regulations having had under consideration the annexed Resolution, relating to the construction of a Culvert on Vine street, from Nineteenth street to the River Schuylkill, referred to them by Councils, beg leave to present the accompanying Report from the Board of Surveyors on the subject, and recommend the adoption of the annexed Resolution as committed to them.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON.

Oct. 23, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a Culvert on Vine street from Nineteenth street to the River Schuylkill, said Culvert to be in accordance with plans prepared for the same by the Department of Surveys, and also to advertise for proposals for culverting the Cohocksink Creek from Sixth to Front street, and also for the construction of a Culvert in Christian street, from Fifteenth street to the River Schuylkill.

To the President and Board of Surveyors of the City of Philadelphia:

Gentlemen:—The Ordinance to authorize the construction of a Culvert on the line of Vine street, from Nineteenth street to the Schuylkill River, and referred through the Committee of Surveys and Regulations, to this Board, has received due attention, and the Committee appointed by the Board of Surveyors, upon the said Ordinance, beg leave to offer the following report:

The want of a main line of Sewer upon the line of Vine street, between the points indicated in the Ordinance referred, has been long felt, and in the progress of examination, it has been ascertained that it is advisable that the amount of sewage now flowing through the Nineteenth street Sewer into Arch street, should, whenever opportunity offer to do so, be reduced, and the present case is one through which that end can be reached. We therefore propose and recommend that the Vine street Sewer be constructed from the River Schuylkill to Nineteenth street, connecting at that point with the Sewer which extends northward, draining an area north of Vine street of about 41.2 acres, thereby reducing the amount of drainage now delivered by the Arch street Sewer, (taking the amount of supply as adopted by the Board,) 2472 cubic feet per minute.

The arrangement of gradient on the line of Vine street, placing the Sewer at such depth as to be avail-

able for house drainage, is 0.5 per 100, to centre of Twenty-first street, thence 1.25 feet to River, placing the mouth of Culvert on Warden's line at low water level. The total area drained is 83 acres, and the capacity required for carrying off the supply east of Twenty-first street, will be fully sufficient to carry off the increased supply between that and the River, on account of the increased gradient.

The amount of drainage to pass Nineteenth and Vine streets, will be that due 52 acres, or 3120 cubic feet per minute, which, on a grade of 0.5 per 100 feet, will require an Oviform Culvert 5 feet x 3'.4'', the delivery of which, by calculation, equals 4029.5 cubic feet per minute.

The total amount of drainage for Culvert will be only 4980 cubic feet per minute, while the same sized Culvert on a gradient of 1.25, will deliver, per minute, 6547 cubic feet; but as the difference of cost between that necessary on the 0.5 gradient, and the reduction of size that would be sufficient on the heavy grade, is so small, it is not thought necessary to change the proportions, but continue the same from Nineteenth street to the River. We, therefore, offer the following Resolution.

(Signed) STRICKLAND KNEASS,
JOSEPH H. SIDDALL,
AMOS STILES,
SPENCER BONSALE.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That this Board recommend the construction of an Oviform Brick Culvert on the line of Vine street, from Nineteenth street to the River Schuylkill, connecting with the culvert now built on the line of Nineteenth street, delivering into the Arch street Sewer—which shall be 5 feet x 3'.4'' in its proportions.

APPENDIX No. 209.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Special Committee, to whom were referred the two communications from the Guardians of the Poor, respectfully report, That in the appropriations made March 18th last, to the Guardians of the Poor, there was an especial amount of thirteen thousand one hundred and seven dollars, for supplies to the medical department of the Alms-house, expenses of nurses' table, the salary of moral instructor, and repairs to heating and cooking apparatus, and other repairs. It will thus seem, that the question of repairing the heating apparatus was taken into consideration by Councils when the general appropriation to that department for the year was made. Upon examination, your Committee find a balance due that fund, of two thousand six hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-two cents, and no repairing of heaters made. And it is said the above balance will be required for the department other than for said repairs, for the remaining portion of the year. The question may naturally be asked, what has been done with the money? The Committee answer that question by appending to their report a statement of the account kept by the City Controller with that department; thus showing without further comment, the manner in which the same has been expended.

The Committee have examined the heaters in the Alms-house, and found the steam pipes in such a condition that will require renewal of some, and perhaps all, they not being capable of being repaired. Inasmuch as the house is supplied with the necessary heat from this source, and the same not being competent to perform said requirements, your Committee have no alternative other than to report in favor of an appropriation for said repairs.

However much we may regret the necessity of adding additional claims upon the already overburdened

City, it nevertheless becomes the duty of Councils to provide a comfortable home as well as food to those unfortunate persons whom the City is bound to provide for.

The Committee therefore, in consideration of the above facts, report the following Ordinance, and ask its adoption.

SAMUEL STEVENSON, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM DEAL,
WM. ELLIOTT,
E. BOOTH,
HENRY T. KING.

Oct. 22, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the purposes herein mentioned.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Guardians of the Poor for the repairing of heaters in the Alms House.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn in the manner and form and with the requisites set forth in an Ordinance approved March 8th, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to organize the Department of the Poor."

STATEMENT BY THE CITY CONTROLLER.

RECAPITULATION.

<i>Appropriation,</i>	.	.	.	\$13,107 00
<i>Disbursements.</i>				
Drugs, Medicines, and Chemicals,	\$2,203	95		
Wine, Brandy, and Whiskey,	1,866	40		
Supplies,	1,584	91		
Board of Health—Board and medi- cal attendance,	.	.	.	662 47
Porter,	.	.	.	742 50
Oil, &c.,	.	.	.	370 21
Pay Roll,	.	.	.	710 54
Plumbing and Iron Tubes,	.	.	.	324 05
Boarding,	.	.	.	416 00
Salary Asst. Res. Physician,	.	.	.	300 00
Oat Meal and Cake Meal,	.	.	.	243 10
Expenses and Disbursement,	.	.	.	264 16
Cupping, Bleeding, Leeching and Leeches,	.	.	.	140 23
Printing,	.	.	.	134 00
Carpet and Dry Goods,	.	.	.	66 28
Conveying Students,	.	.	.	60 00
Brick Work,	.	.	.	53 75
Tin Work,	.	.	.	57 73
Mattresses,	.	.	.	30 00
Stoves,	.	.	.	24 00
Hose, &c.,	.	.	.	12 75
Mathematical & Surgical Instruments,	207	75		
				<hr/> 10,474 78
Balance,	.	.	.	<hr/> \$2,632 22

APPENDIX No. 210.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, "To make an ap-

appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned," report the same as committed, and recommend its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

Oct. 30, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of fourteen hundred and twenty dollars and twenty-six cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the following purposes, viz. :

To Thomas Oliver Goldsmith, late Coroner of the City and County of Philadelphia, to be in full balance due him, five hundred and three dollars and sixty-five cents.

To Joseph Delavau, Coroner, to be in full for bills of September, October, November and December, 1855, six hundred and twenty dollars and seventy-seven cents.

To John Myers, for the payment of a warrant issued to him by A. Much and G. M. Hill, City Commissioners, November 6th, 1855, for compensation to Election Officers of Second Precinct, Twelfth Ward, for the October Election, 1855, the appropriation for said purpose having been exhausted at the time of issuing said warrant, thirty-one dollars.

To John B. Kenney, Alderman, compensation for services as Police Magistrate of Fifth Ward, for months of April and May, 1855, eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

To Washington Whilden, for compensation as Police Officer, during his confinement to the house, from injuries received in the discharge of his official duties, during the early part of 1856, forty-one dollars and ten cents.

To Manayunk Gas Company, for gas consumed at the Manayunk Station House, from December, 1854, to July 1, 1856, one hundred and forty dollars and forty-one cents.

SEC. 2. That warrants for the payment of money from the said appropriation shall be drawn as follows: Items one, two and three by the City Commissioners—Items four, five and six by the Marshal of Police, in the manner and form prescribed in existing Ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 211.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the following Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be directed to inquire into the terms under which the City of Philadelphia held or holds the rooms at the north-east corner of Fifth and Chesnut streets, if the lease is cancelled or is now in force, and if the City is responsible for any rent for the said premises, and what arrangement, if any, has been made in relation thereto, who now occupies the same and under what terms.

—have to report, That, on inquiry, they find that the City is under obligations to the owner, Mr. F. Brown, to hold the second story of the building, north-east corner of Chesnut and Fifth streets, until the 1st of March, 1857, at the rate of \$1500 per annum, as per lease, a copy of which is annexed; on the removal of the Law Department to the new building in Fifth street below Walnut, the City Commissioners leased the above room to certain parties for four months, at the rate of seventy-five dollars a month, from the 1st of July, a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

Your Committee see no way of vacating the room except by a mutual agreement with the owner, and therefore would recommend the passage of the following Resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Committee on City Property be directed to ascertain by what mutual arrangement the premises at the north-east corner of Fifth and Chesnut, may be vacated before the 1st of March, 1857, and report the same to Councils.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
 ABM. BAKER,
 JOHN K. FINDLAY,
 HENRY J. BOLLER.

Oct. 30, 1856.

COPY OF A LEASE FROM FREDERICK BROWN TO CITY OF
 PHILADELPHIA.

CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, }
 March 1, 1855. }

This agreement witnesseth, that Frederick Brown doth hereby let unto the City Commissioners of the City of Philadelphia, the second story of the messuage or tenement, situate at the northeast corner of Chesnut and Fifth streets, in the City of Philadelphia, for the term of one year from the date hereof, at the rent of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly unto the said Frederick Brown, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns; and the said Frederick Brown hereby agrees that the said City Commissioners shall be empowered to make such alterations in said room as will render it suitable for the purposes for which it is to be used, and with this exception: at the expiration of the said term to yield up and surrender the said premises, in the same good order and condition as the same now are, reasonable wear and tear thereof, and accidents happening by fire or other casualties, excepted.

It is hereby further agreed, that if the above mentioned City Commissioners should continue to occupy

the above described premises after the termination of the above contract, then the above contract is to continue in full force for another year, and so on from year to year, until legal notice given for a removal.

In witness whereof, the said Frederick Brown has hereunto set his hand and seal, and the said City Commissioners have affixed their names and attached the common or corporate seal of the County of Philadelphia, this first day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

WM. S. ALLEN,
JOS. L. SMITH.

Attest: *Wm. Bonsall*, Clerk City Com.

[CITY SEAL.]

COPY OF A LEASE BETWEEN CITY COMMISSIONERS AND OTHERS.

The undersigned hereby agree to rent or lease from the City Commissioners of the City of Philadelphia, the use and occupancy of the second story of the building at the northeast corner of Fifth and Chesnut streets, for the term of four months from the date hereof, at a rent or charge of seventy-five dollars per month. And we consent and agree peaceably to deliver up to said Commissioners the possession of said room, at the end of said term of four months, in good condition, &c.; and also, said room shall not be used for any unlawful purpose.

Witness our hand, this (Tuesday) first day of July, 1856.

SAMUEL ENGLETON, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL LLOYD.

Witnesses present:

Joseph Ribbett,
R. M. Moore, Jr.

APPENDIX No. 212.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an application from Samuel Martin and William H. Philan, for the payment of a certain claim, report that the above parties produce no evidence of the validity of their claim; your Committee, therefore, ask the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOHN K. FINDLAY,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

Oct. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 213.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The attention of the Committee on Highways, &c., has been called by the Department to the bad condition of the pavement on the south side of Market street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, and on Filbert between Ninth and Tenth streets; and they submit the Resolution hereto annexed, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
ALFRED CREASE.

Oct. 29, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the re-paving of portions of Market street and Filbert street, in the Ninth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Highways are hereby authorized to contract for the re-paving of the cartway of the south side of Market street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, and of Filbert street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, in the Ninth Ward, said contract to be allotted to the lowest responsible bidder, who is a competent paver, and the work in its progress to be carefully supervised by the said Department.

APPENDIX No. 214.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the Resolution offered at the last meeting, directing the Department of Highways to grade Hagy's Mill Road, in the Twenty-first Ward, and thereupon they report, That Hagy's Mill Road extends from the road known as Ship Lane, intersecting a new street recently opened, called Manatawna street, thence south-westward to the Montgomery County Line, in the upper end of the Twenty-first Ward, and it is represented by the Supervisor of that District, and by Mr. Crease, a member of the Committee, who resides in the vicinity, that it needs some grading in order to afford proper facilities to the constantly increasing travel over it. And they represent that the work necessary to be done will not cost more than one hundred and fifty dollars.

The Committee therefore report the following Resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, That the Department of Highways be authorized to grade Hagy's Mill Road, between Manatawna street and the Montgomery County Line, in the Twenty-first Ward. *Provided*, The cost thereof shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
ALFRED CREASE,
J. G. SORVER.

Oct. 29, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 215.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS,

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petition of Israel N. Bell, late Supervisor of the Nineteenth Ward, asking to have satisfaction entered on the judgment entered upon his surety bond, and submit to Councils the Ordinance hereto annexed, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
ALFRED CREASE.

Oct. 29, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make provision for entering satisfaction upon the official bonds of officers whose term of office has expired.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That whenever the ac-

counts of any officer of the City whose term of office has expired shall be settled, and all monies shown to be in his hands upon such settlement shall have been paid to the City Treasurer or other proper officer, it shall be the duty of the City Controller to give to such person a certificate, setting forth that a settlement has been made, and all monies found to be due thereon have been fully paid to the proper officer.

SEC. 2. Upon the presentation of such certificate to the City Solicitor, it shall be his duty to proceed without delay to enter satisfaction upon the judgment entered upon the official or surety bond of the officer presenting the same, and to give back to such officer his surety bond, and all certificates of settlement and payments presented as aforesaid shall be filed of record in the office of the City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 216.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom were referred the communications from the Lafayette, Cohocksink and Forrest Hose Companies, report that they have had the same under consideration, and offer the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the services of the Lafayette Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Resolved, That the services of the Cohocksink Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

They would also report that the Forrest Hose Com-

pany have not a competent apparatus, and consequently cannot be admitted into the Fire Department.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
CHARLES M. SLOCUM,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
JOHN WELSH.

Oct. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 217.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Pennell, to the use of David and William Shetzline, to pay him the amount of damage assessed for injury sustained by reason of the opening of Walnut street, West Philadelphia; and also claim of Barnes and Strange, for work done to Market Shed, corner of Second and South streets, and having considered the respective claims, find them correct, and offer the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the said report be referred to the Committee on Finance, and said Committee be required to report an Ordinance in favor of said claims.

J. G. SERVER, *Chairman*,
SAM'L H. MECUTCHEN,
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
SAMUEL STEVENSON.

Oct. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 218.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred a bill from the Managers of Poor, of Ger-

mantown, for rent of cells, return the same to Common Council, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Police, and offer the following Resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
CHAS. F. ISEMINER,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
SAMUEL STEVENSON.

Oct. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 219.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of Henry Troeman, for Scales and Beams for regulating purposes, have had the subject under consideration, and find the same to have been contracted for without authority of Councils, and in violation of the act of Consolidation. The Committee therefore report adverse to the payment of the same, and offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
CHAS. S. ISEMINER,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
SAMUEL STEVENSON.

Oct. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 220.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the following claims against the City, to wit:

Messrs. Collins & Antenricht, for drawing	
plans for Market Houses, - - -	\$150 00
James Miller, for services as Messenger to	
Marshal of Police, - - -	61 65
George Legg and Christian Horman, amount	
unpaid the City for paving, - - -	41 36
Samuel Bardeer, for services as Messenger	
and Janitor of Commissioners' Hall, late	
District of Penn, - - -	735 23

That having had the same under consideration, and there not appearing sufficient evidence before the Committee to sustain the same, beg leave, respectfully, to report adversely thereto, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. SERVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
CHAS. S. ISEMINER,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
SAM'L STEVENSON.

Oct. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 221.

REPORT ON CITY PROPERTY.

City Solicitor's Office, }
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 6, 1856. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—On receiving notice of the proceedings of your honorable bodies, at your last meeting, in re-

gard to the Lemon Hill Estate, I caused an interview to be had at this office, on Friday morning, between Mr. Wm. H. Kern, the principal tenant of the property, and myself. Suitable measures were at once taken to prevent any further waste, and any injury whatever to the rights of the City in the premises; a notice in an improved form has also been served by the Commissioner of City Property on Mr. Kern and the other tenants to deliver up possession of the several properties; and this notice will be followed, under the direction of your Committee, by the requisite legal proceedings to obtain possession of the same.

Respectfully yours,

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 222.

REPORT ON CITY PROPERTY.

Department of City Property. }
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 6, 1856. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the Resolution of the Select and Common Councils, directing me to ascertain by what mutual arrangement the premises at the northeast corner of Fifth and Chesnut streets may be vacated before the first of March, 1857, and report the same to Councils, I have the honor to report, that at an interview with Mr. Brown, he gave me to understand that if the City would authorize him (Mr. Brown) to rent the premises, he would advertise it at his own expense, and strive to have it rented; but until he could do so to another tenant, he would expect the City to pay a rent according to the terms of their lease. That is the only arrangement Mr. Brown is willing to make regarding the matter.

Your obedient servant,

EUGENE AHERN,
Com. of City Property.

APPENDIX No. 223.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee of Conference, appointed by the Select and Common Councils, with instructions to confer in relation to the disagreement of the two Chambers of Councils, upon the amendment to the bill providing for the sale of certain real estate belonging to the city, beg leave respectfully to report, That they recommend that the said proposed amendment shall be so modified, that the same may read as follows, viz. :

Provided, That said sale shall be made at public auction, and by an auctioneer to be designated by the joint Special Committee, and provided, also, that the commissions of such auctioneer shall not exceed the one-half of one per cent. upon the amount of the sale he shall effect.

The Committee recommend the passage of the bill with said amendment.

Respectfully submitted by

THEO. CUYLER, *Chairman*,
T. J. PERKINS,
D. BEVAN,
AND. MILLER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Oct. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 224.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to transfer certain appropriations from the Department of City Commissioners. to the Department

of City Property," respectfully report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

Nov. 6, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To transfer certain appropriations from the Department of City Commissioners to the Department of City Property.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from item "salaries of the Commissioners, Clerks, Messengers and Superintendents," to the item of salaries in the Department of City Property.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the appropriation, when so transferred, shall be drawn by the Commissioners of City Property, in the manner and form, and with the requisites set forth in existing Ordinances, relating to the drawing of warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 225.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an ordinance "To make an Appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City; to pay certain Road Damages, partly in certificates of City Debt, and partly in money," respectfully report the same as committed, and recommend its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

Nov. 6, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City ; to pay certain Road Damages, partly in Certificates of City Debt, and partly in Money.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two thousand one hundred and twenty-four dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, for the purpose of paying, in manner hereinafter mentioned, the following amounts, assessed as damages for injuries sustained by the following named persons by the opening of Swain street, that is to say :

David Ellis, eight hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-two cents.

George H. Hart, one thousand two hundred and fifty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways. The following sums shall be paid in money, viz.: to David Ellis, seventy-two dollars and seventy-two cents ; and to George H. Hart, fifty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents ; and the balance of the said appropriation shall be paid in certificates of City Debt ; and the warrants to be drawn, as aforesaid, shall express how much of the amount for which they are drawn is payable in money, and how much in said certificates. *Provided*, No warrant shall issue until the usual certificate shall be produced from the Court of Quarter Sessions, that the damages aforesaid have been assessed by a jury, and their report confirmed absolutely, nor until the City Solicitor shall certify that there are no liens against the property, for injury to which the said damages have been awarded.

SEC. 3. When the delivery of any such warrants, countersigned by the Controller, to the City Treasurer, as specify that the payment of the amount therein mentioned, is to be made in certificates of City Debt, the said Treasurer shall deliver to the person in whose favor the same is drawn, or to his order, certificates of City Debt to the amount expressed in such warrant,

which certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an Ordinance, approved August 23, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of Certificates of Debt in payment of Road Damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph," and the said certificates shall be a portion of those authorized to be issued by the said Ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 226.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways &c., have considered the following resolution to award the contract for grading Marshall street, in the Twentieth Ward, passed by Select Council at their last meeting, and recommend its adoption without amendment.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
 THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
 JOHN M. FORD,
 S. G. SORVER,
 ALFRED CREASE.

Nov. 5, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the contract for grading Marshall street, between Oxford and Montgomery streets, in the Twentieth Ward, be awarded to Lewis & Doyle, for the sum of four hundred and seventy-five dollars.

APPENDIX No. 227.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petition for paving Poplar street,

from Nineteenth street to Corinthian Avenue, on the line between the Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards, and for paving Orange street, in the Third Ward, and submit the Resolution hereto annexed, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
ALFRED CREASE.

Nor. 5, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the Paving of Poplar street, in the Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards, and of Orange street, in the Third Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property or a majority thereof, fronting on Poplar street, between Nineteenth street and Corinthian Avenue, in the Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards; and on Orange street, between Eleventh and Thirteenth streets, in the Third Ward, are hereby authorized to pave the same; the City to be at no expense for the said paving, except for the intersections of streets; and the parties contracting to do the same shall enter into an obligation to keep the pavement in good repair, for the space of one year from the time the same is finished, and opened for public use. *Provided*, The gutters be laid with stone, of the usual kind used for that purpose.

APPENDIX No. 228.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of citizens relative to the removal of coal ashes from New Market street, and complaining of the authorities having in charge the cleansing of the streets,

respectfully report the same back to Councils, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Highways.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
D. BEVAN,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
ROBT. V. BARBER.

Nov. 6, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 229.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, respectfully report the following Ordinance, and ask its adoption.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
CHARLES M. SLOCUM,
JOHN WELSH.

Nov. 6, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the Superintendent of Trusts to proceed to, and view the lands in Centre County, Pennsylvania, devised to the City, in trust, by Elias Boudinot; and to employ counsel to dispossess any person or persons who may be unlawfully in possession of the same, or any part thereof, and to make an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof, and also to pay the taxes on said lands.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Superintendent of Trusts, be and he is hereby authorized to proceed and view the lands in Centre County, Pennsylvania, devised to the City, in trust, by Elias Boudinot, and to employ counsel in said County to dispossess any persons who may be unlawfully in possession of the same, or any part thereof; and that the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated to pay the taxes on said lands and the expenses of proceeding to and viewing the same, and employment of counsel, as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn by the said Superintendent of Trusts.

APPENDIX No. 230.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Surveys, to whom was referred the petition asking that Fairmount street, in the Thirteenth Ward, may be regulated and graded, have ascertained that the regulations for curb, on Fairmount street, between Pratt and Brown streets, are all prepared, and respectfully recommend the reference of the above petition to the Highway Department, with power to act.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISS,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS.

Nov. 6, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 231.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKETS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Markets make the following report, with an Ordinance annexed, and ask its adoption.

WHEREAS, The entire appropriation to the Market Department was exhausted some months since, and there are several necessary repairs to Stalls, &c., the

Committee would offer the following Ordinance, and ask its adoption.

NICHOLAS BROUSE, *Chairman*,
CHARLES VANHORN,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
SAM'L P. DUTTON.

Nov. 6, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of Markets.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the following purposes, namely:

For repairs to Market Houses, the sum of one thousand dollars.

For Printing, Books, Stationery, and Office Expenses, one hundred and fifty dollars.

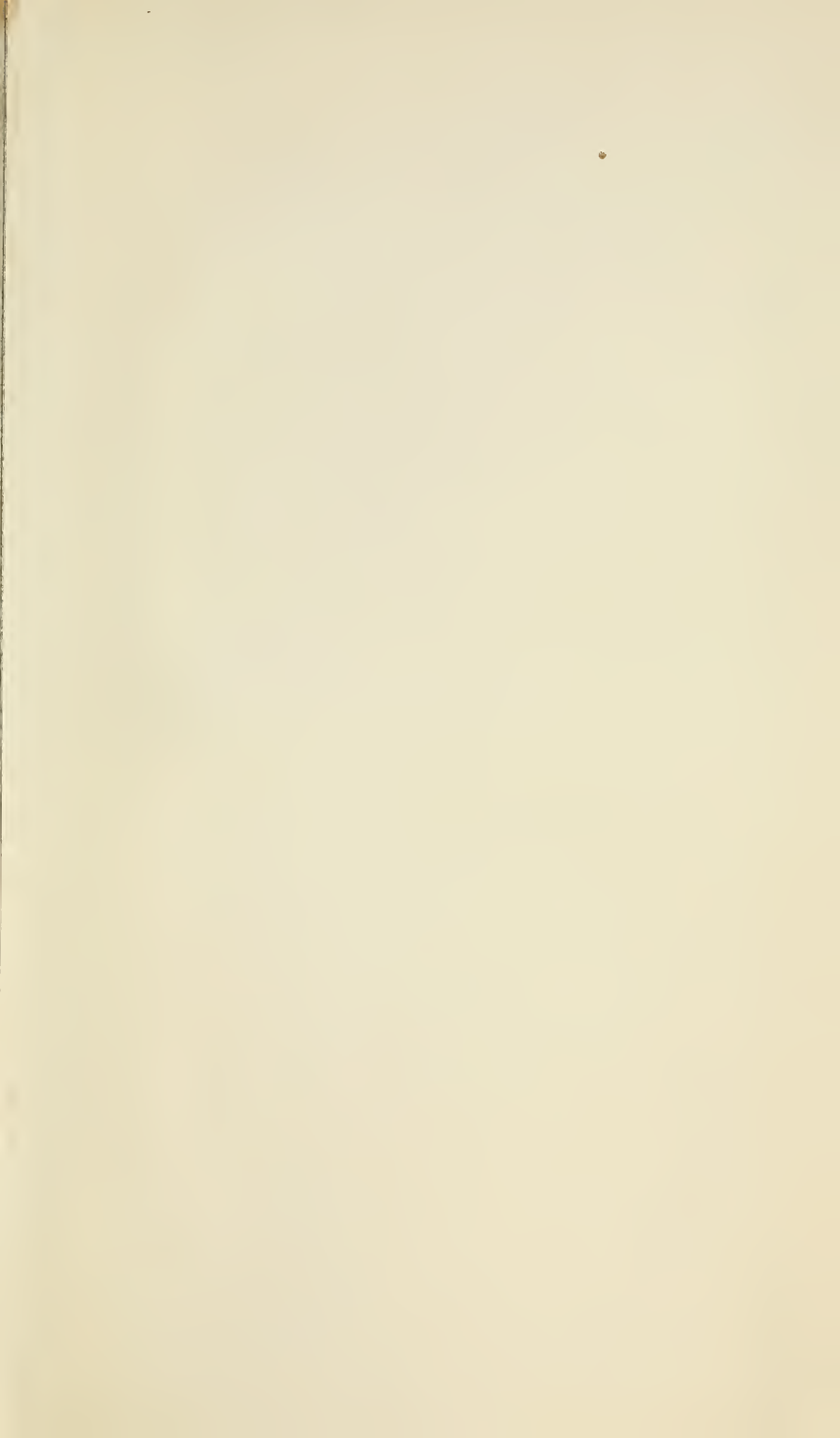
The said appropriation to be used for labor and materials to be hereafter furnished.

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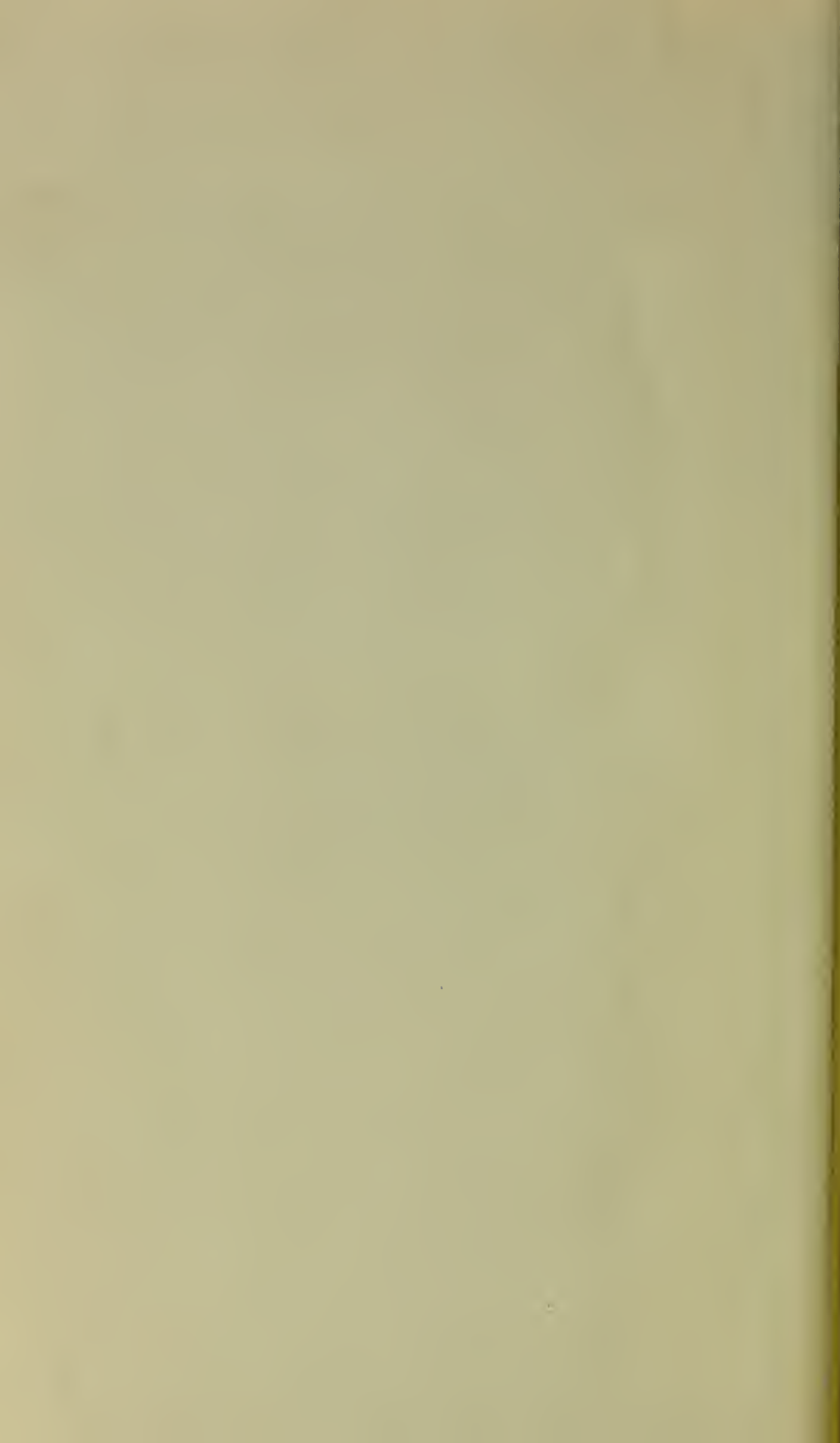
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